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"Handy's Tavern is Open and Serving" will take place on Saturday, December 8 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, featuring seven area homes in holiday decor. This marks the fifteenth season for the Marion Holiday House Tour. Sponsored by the Sippican Woman's Club, proceeds generated from last year's tour provided \$8,000 in schol-



Above: Members of the Marion Garden Discussion Group busily prepare during a recent workshop for their Holiday Sale, to take place on Saturday, December 8 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall.



Above: Four newly-certified paramedics for the Town of Mattapoisett recently received their official patches during the weekly Selectmen's meeting and were introduced to the board by Police Chief Mary Lyons. Pictured here (l. to r.) are Robert P. Duval, Craig S. LeBlanc, Michael J. Florio, and Anthony M. Days. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

On the cover: Marion artist and resident Lisa Baltz poses in front of one of the life-size panels depicting tavern life in the 1800s which will be included in the 15th Annual Holiday House Tour in Marion on Saturday, December 8. The event is sponsored by the Sippican Woman's Club. (Photo courtesy of Jane-Lee Betts).

arship awards for local students.

Organized by Julie Schworm, the clubhouse at Handy's Tavern in the Marion Village will be decorated by Julie Schworm and Bobbie Lingard in the theme of the nineteenth century stagecoach shop and tavern. Beginning at the tavern, seven Marion homes will be open to participants. Always a closely-guarded secret, the homes will be hosted by club members Karen Herington, Christina Hingston, Debbie Bush, Marie Quinn, Susan White, and Eloise Unbekant.

Wassail punch will be served throughout the day at the Tavern as visitors enjoy the company of special guest, Captain Handy. Chaired by Joan Asker and Jeanne Lake, House Tour ticket-holders may sample "Afternoon Tea" and baked goodies at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church



Above: ORR students and members of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Matty Ellms, Dina Rentumis, Nicole Kearns, Stephanie Barrett and Stephanie Viera pose in front of student artwork in the lobby of ORR. Recently, the SAVE group raised funds for both the United Way and American Red Cross in response to the September 11 tragedy. (Photo courtesy of Kathy Marx).

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on South Street from 1:30 to 4:30 pm.

House tour brochures designed by club member Judy Carver feature hand-rendered drawings of the tour homes. Holiday decorations in the homes have been masterfully executed by Madeline Cooke and area floral designers, A Flower Works and Eden Landscapes, who have generously donated their time and talent again this year.

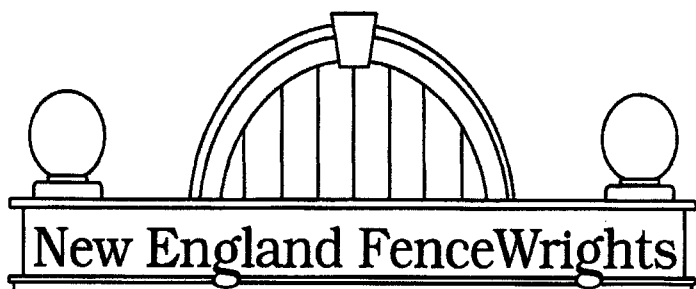
Adding to the festive atmosphere, the Marion Art Center at 80 Pleasant Street in the village, will be presenting "American Girls in Holiday Vignettes" from 10:30 to 3:30. Coordinating with the festivities, a luncheon featuring warm chicken salad, salad and cheesecake for dessert will be served at the First Congregational Church Community Center in Marion (behind the General Store parking lot) from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The cost of the luncheon is \$7.50.

Ticket sales for the House Tour are \$13 in advance and \$16 at the door. Advance tickets are available at The Bookstall, the General Store, Sippican Hardware, The Sitting Duck, and The Opulent Owl. Ticket holders are reminded that the ticket must be exchanged for the beautifully-illustrated tour brochure, as it serves as the admission ticket.

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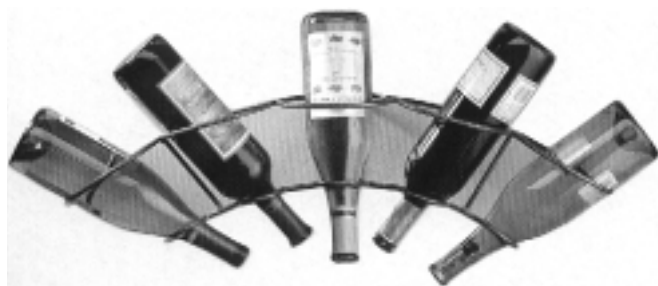
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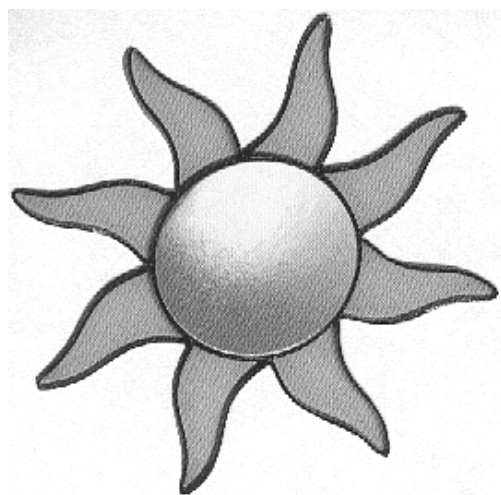


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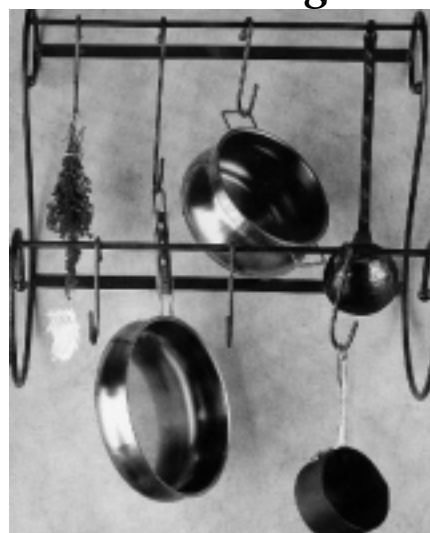
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recently held a workshop to prepare for their Annual Holiday Sale, which will be held on Saturday, December 8 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall on Front Street. This will be a perfect opportunity to purchase unique table top decorations, wreaths, and swags for decorations or gift-giving. The proceeds from the sale will go towards the continuing maintenance of window boxes in Marion.

SAVE Support

ORR Students Support Charities

Members of the Old Rochester Regional High School's Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) recently celebrated following the presentation of checks in the amount of \$2,800 each to the American Red Cross and the United Way Disaster Relief efforts. The funds were raised through the Walk and Concert Against Violence that was co-sponsored by the Old Rochester and Wareham School Districts and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. One highlight of the day was a performance by Just Jazz, featuring ORR High School students Justin DeWalt, John Ogren, Trevor Kellum and Derek Eilertsen.

Expanding Editions

Mattapoisett Library Kicks Off Fund Drive

More than fifty people who attended a reception at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on November 30

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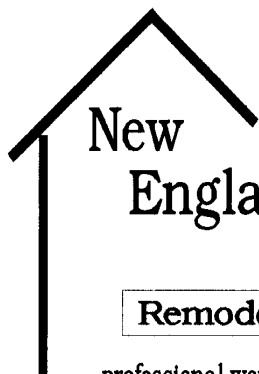
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heard plans for a renovation and expansion of the facility, which was first opened in 1904. Bob Atkinson, Library Trustee and Chairman of the Capital Campaign Steering Committee, outlined a timetable for the project that calls for completion in 2004, the building's 100th anniversary.

"We believe that the expanded library, which will be very much in the architectural style of this beautiful old building, will address a host of pressing needs and serve the town well into the 21st century," Mr. Atkinson said.

"There are five primary objectives: To make the library accessible to all our citizens and conform to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); to expand our Children's Library and to add

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additional children's programs; to add a section for Young Adults; to create meeting room spaces that will be available to all townspeople; and, to add to the services we already provide by making available more books, more periodicals, more computers, more study spaces, and more programs — things we just don't have room for now."

The project will be funded by three sources: the State of Massachusetts has approved a grant of \$1,575,662 — just over 42 percent of the total project cost; the Library Board of Trustees has approved a fund-raising campaign with a goal of \$1 million; and the Town of Mattapoisett will be asked to appropriate approximately \$1.1 million at the May Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Atkinson indicated that fund-raising efforts are now underway and that the Campaign Committee will be asking Mattapoisett residents to consider three years pledges in support of the project. He urged anyone interested in learning more about the project to visit the library and/or call Library Director Judy Wallace at 508-758-4171, or email her at MFPL@sailsinc.org.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

December 3, 2001

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Paul Lambalot on Monday, December 3 at 7:03 pm. Also present were Selectman Ray Andrews, Selectman Barry

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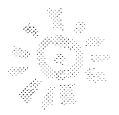
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Denham, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

After unanimously approving the minutes of the November 26 meeting, the board signed and approved correspondence accepting the resignation of Jeanne Toomey as a member of the Finance Committee (FinCom) and thanking her for her past eight years of service to the town, noting her departure would be a "big loss" for the town, according to Selectman Andrews. To that end, Ms. Adams noted that on Saturday, December 1 the Town Moderator, Chairman Lambalot, and the Chairman of the Mattapoisett School Committee appointed the following persons to the FinCom after interviewing candidates: John P. Appleton, Church Street; Donald G. Carlstrom, Abby Lane; Cornelius J. Coleman, Bay Shore Drive; and Richard R. Dupuis, Summer Street. These new appointments bring the FinCom to a full complement of members, including Ms. Toomey's seat.

Under meetings scheduled for the week, the board noted:

- Thursday, December 6 at 5:00 pm – Elementary School Building Committee Meeting in the Town Hall Conference Room;
- Wednesday, December 12 at 6:00 pm – Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Shipyard Park.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received a letter from residents Ronald M. MacInnes and Marion E. Craven stating they feel the Board of Selectmen have not taken responsibility for the Bike Path project and have passed it along to volunteer committees. The board suggested that with newly-appointed residents on the Bike Path Committee, progress is being made.

Resident Daniel C. Lee Jr. sent the board a copy of his letter to the Conservation Commission (ConCom) regarding the recent hearings pertaining to the proposed Regatta development project. Mr. Lee protested the fact

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that the ConCom approved the project without considering ample input from residents.

At 7:15 pm the board opened a Liquor License Transfer Hearing to transfer a liquor license from Daphne Vrakas d/b/a Nick's Homemade Pizza to Ronald Lopes LLC, d/b/a Nick's Homemade Pizza, 27 County Road in Mattapoisett. This is a simple transfer-of-ownership for the establishment.

There being no objections, the board unanimously voted to transfer the liquor license from Daphne Vrakas to Ronald Lopes as requested.

The board next received a letter of resignation from Peter Bangs, who is stepping down as a member of the ORR School Committee, effective immediately. Mr.

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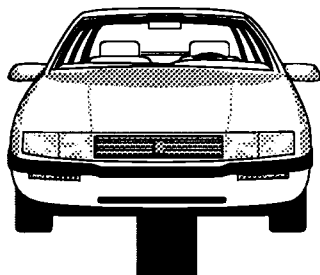
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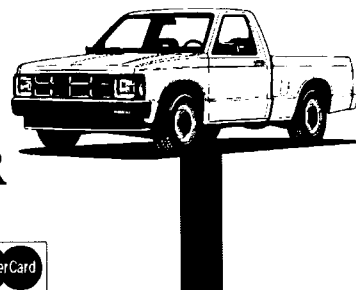
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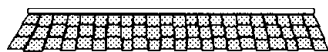
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"What I'm planning to do is accept applications in the Selectmen's office until Thursday, December 20 at 12:00 noon to fill Mr. Bangs' position," Ms. Adams said. "On January 7 during the Selectmen's meeting at 7:30, the board and remaining members of (the ORR District School Committee) will appoint a replacement."

AT&T Broadband sent notification of price increases and channel changes taking effect for Mattapoisett subscribers. "It doesn't seem fair that we have to take channels we don't want," Selectman Andrews said. "We're being held hostage by (the cable company)."

Resident Brad Hathaway sent a copy of his letter to the ConCom regarding a request that a performance bond be obtained by the developer of The Regatta to run for a period of years as a means of protection for the town. "I've sent this information to Town Counsel to determine what the board's (liability) is," Ms. Adams said.

At 7:30 pm the board met with members of the Skateboard Park Committee: Police Chief Mary Lyons; Joseph M. Booth; John D. Schmid; Richard Bettencourt; Mitch Suzan, and a group of young residents interested in skateboarding to discuss plans for the project which was shelved at the last Annual Town Meeting.

"We've had a number of meetings to hopefully use the (town-owned) site behind the Police Department ... to build a skateboard park," Chief Lyons said. "We have now thought the best route might be to go before Town Meeting and have the (residents) address it." Chief Lyons presented the board with a signed petition to place the project on the next Annual Town Meeting warrant.

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it," Selectman Denham said. "A park is not allowed in that zoning area. We were accused of ram-rodding it through the ZBA (at the last Town Meeting)."

"I don't think anything the Board of Selectmen did that night was (out of line)," supporter and committee member Joe Booth said. "I just wanted to go on record and say you were unfairly treated that night."

The committee members and board members seemed to concur that the property behind the Police Station off Route 6 was the best site for a skateboard park in town that is still within walking distance of the village area.

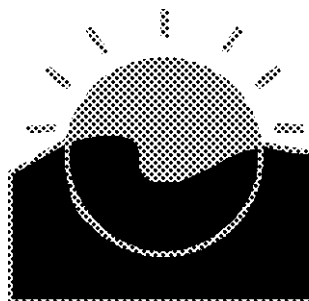
"I think we could have put to rest a lot of misperceptions ... on the matter," Mr. Booth said. "I've heard some comments about the 'type' of kids who skateboard. They just want a place to skate ... they're good kids."

"The reason it needs to go to the ZBA is a portion of the lot sits in the R-30 (residential) district," Selectman Andrews explained.

"I'm not so sure we should start making zoning changes on Town Meeting floor," Chairman Lambalot said.

"We feel confident we can go back to the ZBA for approval," Mr. Booth said. "The one thing we want to stress is we don't want to see the Water/Sewer Building hurt as a result. We don't want to see that effort faulted because of our (project)."

"It would give the town an opportunity to say



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'yea' or 'nay' to the project," Selectman Andrews said of placing the skateboard park on the Town Meeting warrant. "We made a verbal commitment that we would take it before Town Meeting. You may want to invite the neighbors to attend (the meetings). I think you need to go the extra mile to keep the abutters involved in the process. If you make them part of the process, it may mitigate the opposition."

"We need to make the abutters comfortable that it's going to work," Chairman Lambalot agreed. "Not everyone is always happy."

"If it wasn't for the fact that a small part (of the parcel) was in the residential district, we wouldn't have to go before the ZBA," Selectman Denham said. "Seventy to

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eighty percent of the parcel is zoned for business."

"I'm a little confused because we were going forward ... then we were taken off the permit," Chief Lyons said. "We can't just keep chasing these kids around and not provide a solution. We need to have a site before we can start soliciting donations. We're not opposed to continue raising funds for it, but it's a moot point if we don't have a location."

"If we had a good piece of land for a skateboard park, we could just say the heck with it and not go through these (zoning issues)," Selectman Denham agreed. "It really is the only suitable piece of land available to us (that) meets all the requirements."

At 8:10 pm the board met once again with Police Chief Mary Lyons and the recent graduates of the Police Department's paramedic program: Robert P. Duval; Michael J. Florio; Craig S. LeBlanc; and Kevin R. LeBlanc.

"We're here to say 'thank you' and 'congratulations' for a job well-done," Chairman Lambalot said.

"It's been a long, tough course," Mr. LeBlanc agreed.

"These are our first official paramedics for the Town of Mattapoisett," Chairman Lambalot said. "It was a long ordeal."

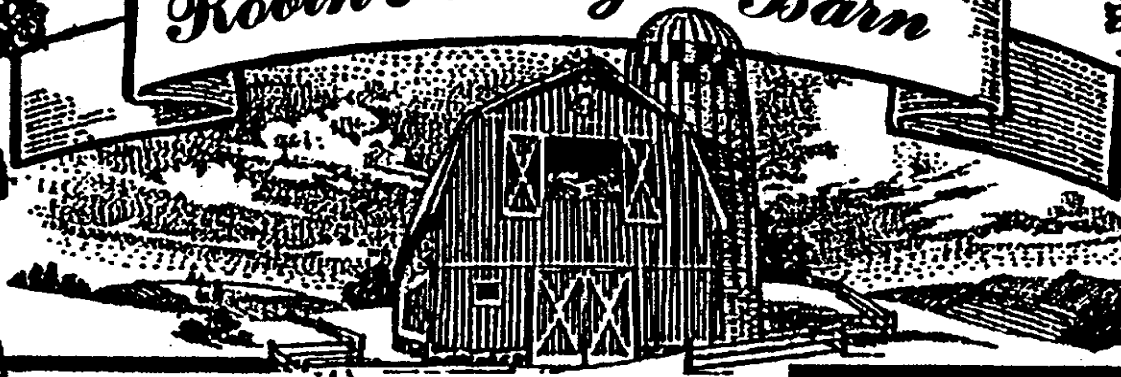
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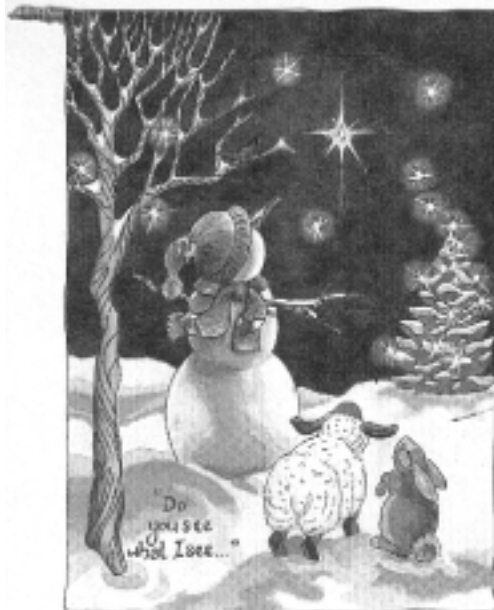
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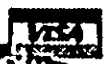
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"It's quite an accomplishment over the past two years (and) I still think this is the most cost-effective way for the Town of Mattapoisett to have gone," Selectman Andrews said.

"We're working with St. Luke's Hospital to bring our ambulance up to the ALS level," Chief Lyons said. "We were aiming for (completion in) the early part of January."

"We're moving in the right direction," Chairman Lambalot agreed. "It's certainly going to be reassuring for residents to know that we have paramedics right in town ... and they won't have to wait to call paramedics from St. Luke's."

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:20 pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

December 4, 2001

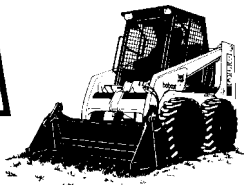
By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to on Tuesday, December 4 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson. Also present were Selectman Albert Winters, Selectman Benjamin Bryant, Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock, and Secretary Helene Craver.

After unanimously signing treasury and payroll warrants for the week, the board unanimously voted to appoint John Cederholm to the Marion 150th Anniversary Celebration Committee.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received a memo from Helene Craver regarding the 2002 Selectmen's meeting schedule. Unless it is deemed

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necessary, the board will likely only meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month and, as such, appointments will only be scheduled on those days. For now, the schedule of Selectmen's meetings for 2002 will be posted as follows: January 8, 15, 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2, 9, 16, 30; May 7, 14, 21; June 4, 18; July 9, 23; August 6, 27; September 10, 17, 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; November 12, 19, 26; December 3, 10, 17.

Joyce E. Kohout next submitted her letter of resignation from the Marion Housing Committee. The board voted to accept her resignation with regret and agreed to send her a letter of thanks for her past contributions.

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submitted a letter expressing her interest in serving on the Music Hall Advisory Committee.


AT&T Broadband submitted notification to the board of rate hikes for 2002 for Marion cable subscribers. The price for Standard Cable for Marion subscribers will increase from \$36.27 to \$39.35 in 2002. "I see that Marion (rates) are still the highest," Selectman Winters noted.

The Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) submitted their findings regarding an incident at The Caz on Barros Drive which took place last February. After conducting a hearing on November 13, the ABCC found cause to suspend the liquor license for the Marion establishment for a total of 20 days, commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2002 and ending Sunday, January 27, 2002.

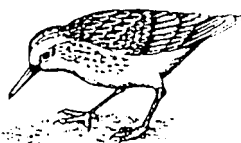
"I think it was a wise choice to have the ABCC handle the investigation," Selectman Winters said. "I'd like to commend all the law enforcement people involved. There is no place for this kind of incident (in Marion). I would not have been as kind as the ABCC was ... it could have turned out much worse."

"The Police Department in town did a great job," Chairman Dickerson agreed. "However, I am very disappointed with the ABCC's decision. I, personally, believe they got away with a great deal. I don't know what it would entail to get a complete suspension of their (liquor) license ... but there's no consistency in the (ABCC's) findings."

The board next received a letter from Carolyn

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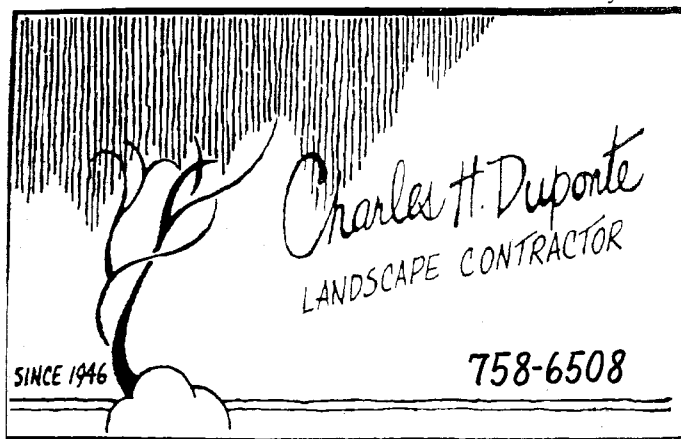


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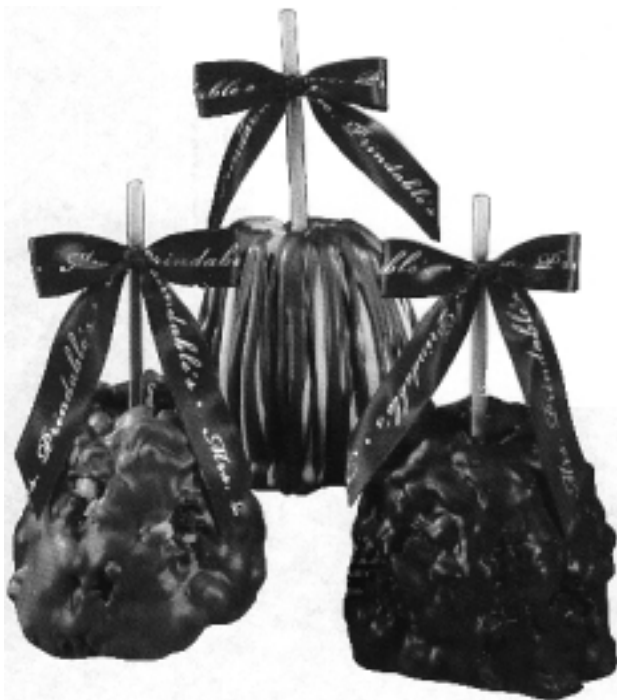
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Rubenstein, Chairman of the Marion Historic District Study Committee, requesting the appointment of Sally Hunsdorfer and Charlie Paulsen to the committee. This would bring the committee total to seven members, the maximum permitted by Massachusetts General Laws. The board unanimously voted to appoint Ms. Hunsdorfer and Mr. Paulsen.

At 7:05 pm the board met with Police Chief Lincoln Miller and two department members he's recommending for full-time appointment: Detective Michael Cormier and Officer Larry Saber. Chief Miller recommended that both be appointed as full-time patrol officers, effective January 15, 2002.

"I have no objection, both have served the town well," Selectman Winters said. "We certainly welcome (them) to the force."

"I think Marion's very fortunate to have good people stepping forward for these jobs," Selectman Bryant added.

With that, the board unanimously voted to move the two appointments as recommended by Chief Miller.

At 7:10 pm the board met with Chairman Debra Blanchette of the Marion 150th Anniversary Celebration Committee for an update on the pending plans for next year's events. Ms. Blanchette noted that May 14 is the actual incorporation day anniversary, which happens to be a Tuesday night.

"Perhaps we should invite the Selectmen from the other two towns who were part of the original incorporation," she suggested. "Some ideas were to have the students involved and do something festive ... perhaps walk to the Music Hall and have the incorporation act read, or some sort of commemoration."

Among the other events planned for the major celebration during the first week of July: a band concert; Handy's Tavern opened as an actual tavern; harbor tours; an ice cream social; a demonstration from the mallet club; the usual July 4 Horse Show and Fireworks display; a Friday night block dance; a play performed by the Marion Art Center; a public safety demonstration; the Police Brotherhood concert at Silvershell Beach; and a church service on Sunday.

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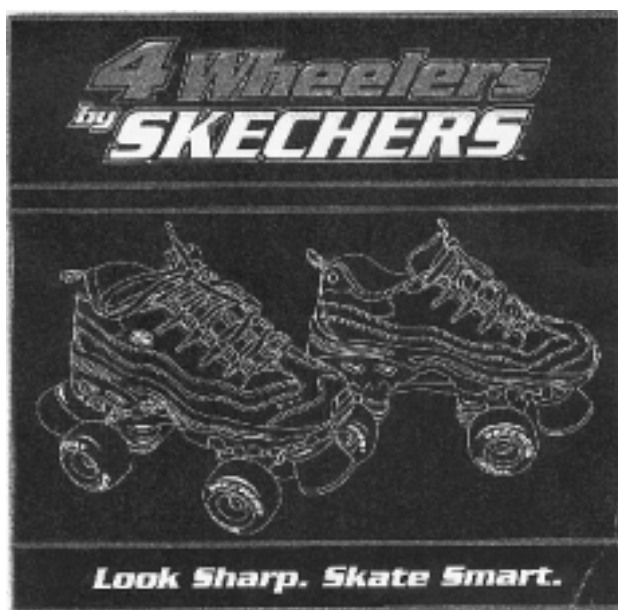


one and (others) are coming on board," Ms. Blanchette said. "It should be a busy week."

The committee is still accepting donations, which can be sent to Debra Blanchette, c/o Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street in Marion (please specify *Marion 150th Celebration*).

At 7:20 pm the board met with Mark Rasmussen of the Coalition for Buzzards Bay (CBB) and Horace "Hod" Kenney regarding a conservation restriction for the Beaton Cranberry Conservation Project.

Mr. Kenney explained this 246-acre parcel in Marion would require the board's signature to be placed under a permanent conservation restriction under state law.



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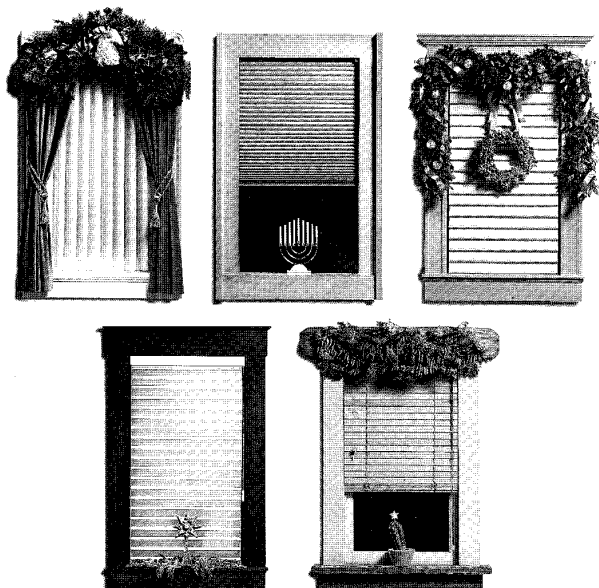
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Lee Hayes added that the Sippican Land Trust is now about halfway through their goal of getting 25 percent of the 9,000 acres of land in Marion preserved for open space. "When we started, we had about 1,000 acres," he said. "With this and the Haskell Swamp purchase, I'm going to guess that we're somewhere in the 1,600-acre area. We're making progress."

The board unanimously voted to approve the conservation restriction on the parcel as requested.

Under the Town Administrator's report for the week, Ms. Enroth-Whitlock noted:

- The board needed to vote on an agreement with Camp, Dresser and McKee (CDM) for the preliminary design for the wastewater treatment facility. The board unanimously voted to approve the agreement.

- She discussed the position of Sealer of Weights and Measures with Sealer John DeMello of Mattapoisett. With the required start-up costs for funding a new position, he suggested Marion continue using the state's sealer and then determine if we want to hire their own at a later date. Ms. Enroth-Whitlock added the board also needs to come up with a fee schedule for the year.

- The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) sent information regarding the Goldovitz property purchase, suggesting it should be registered under the Water Management Act. "We need to decide if we want to have it (registered) or not (registered)," she said. "I've sent this to Town Counsel ... but have not heard back yet." The board agreed to request that it be registered as recommended by the DEP.

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• The Sippican Historical Society requested that the Tennis Club property be placed under a Historic Preservation Restriction. "It would be a restriction in perpetuity on the (property)," Selectman Winters said.

Under this restriction, according to Lee Hayes, the character of the building cannot be changed, and the structure can never be demolished — it has to be maintained as a historic landmark. The Selectmen simply need to endorse that such a restriction has merit for this particular property.

"It sounds like a very good opportunity for the town," Selectman Bryant said. With that, the board unanimously voted to place a Historical Restriction on the Tennis Club property as requested.

The board noted that the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting celebration will be held at 7:00 pm on Sunday, December 9. They also announced there would be no meeting next week (December 11), so the next regular Selectmen's meeting would be held on Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 pm.

At 7:50 pm the board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and collective bargaining issues and would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

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Selectmen was called to order prior to the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Monday, December 3 at 6:00 pm by Selectman Pat Ryan. Also present were Selectman Naida Parker, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere. Selectman Richard Cutler was not present for the meeting.

The board wanted to clarify the rate of payment for details for Fire Department personnel who are now working to forward emergency calls from the old Police/Communications Center to the new Police/Communications Building on Dexter Lane. Apparently, there is a glitch in the phone system which will not allow emergency calls from Memorial School to the new location, so someone has to monitor and forward calls from the old

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site. Town Accountant Claudette Coutu questioned if these additional personnel should be paid a standard hourly rate, or the detail rate of \$30 per hour.

"The (Board of Selectmen) did vote that details for the (Fire Department) personnel would be paid the same rate as police details," Selectman Ryan said. "I'd entertain a motion to pay the detail rate as long as what needs to be done for Memorial School is done. After that, it should be just the (standard) hourly rate."

The board unanimously voted to pay the "detail rate" as such as long as someone is required to monitor calls from Memorial School.

At 6:15 pm the board met again with members of the Board of Assessors to continue the Tax Classification Hearing from the previous week. Assessor John Mello explained that the auditor from the Department of Revenue (DOR) has yet to complete his work in conducting a revaluation of the town, so they need to continue the Classification Hearing for one more week.

"We're going to try and move ahead with the public impact process next week," Mr. Mello said. "What we might do is go ahead with (our recommendation) for the tax classification next week, based on preliminary figures. Once we know, we'll give you the updates. If so, it looks like tax bills will go out the week between Christmas and New Years."

As such, the board agreed to continue the Tax Classification Hearing to Monday, December 10 at 7:00 pm.

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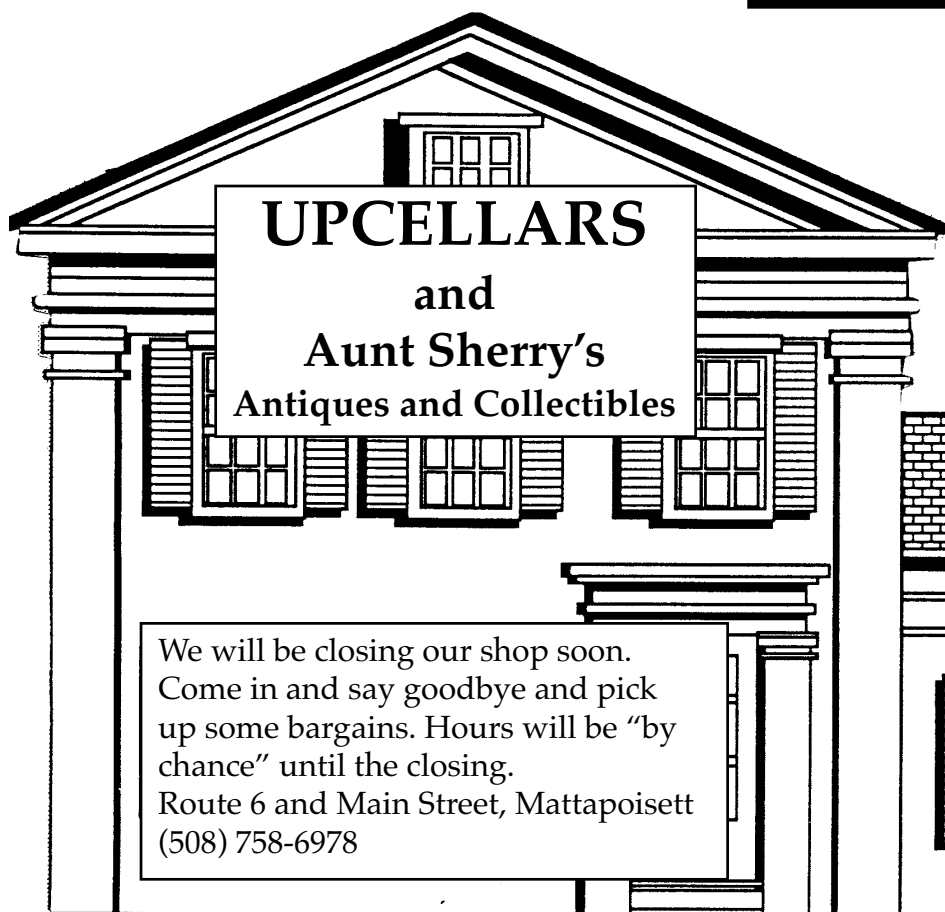
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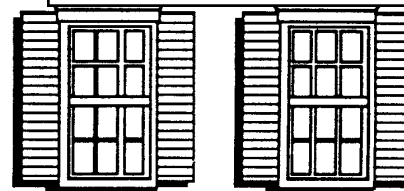
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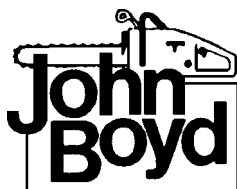


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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

[Editor's Note: This is a copy of a letter sent to the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen this week.]

Since the Conservation Commission (ConCom) on November 27 closed its public hearing on The Regatta and related wetlands issues, a question has been raised that deserves an answer.

Those residents concerned with the wetlands, runoff and the potential for more flooding along the so-called Town Beach Brook had asked that a performance bond be obtained by the developer to run for a period of years as a means of protec-

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tion should The Regatta's engineered detention ponds and runoff system eventually fail. Surely the developer — or the engineering firm — must be held accountable.

The ConCom turned this request down after its Chairman announced he had talked with the state and learned it already requires a bond be obtained. But there was no explanation of what that performance bond covers exactly.

If it covers more than just the construction of the building and includes the complete runoff system for a period of time necessary to determine if that system works (say 10-20 years), then I would say that issue is covered. If it does not, then the taxpayers of this town are at risk.

A continuation of flooding problems along that brook will, of course, turn suffering homeowners to seek some relief. And if the town keeps allowing projects in the area bounded by Church Street, North Street and Route 6 (and that includes The Regatta, a new Water Department building, and a new and expanded Fire Station), I would think the town's responsibility grows significantly.

In regards to The Regatta, I would ask the Selectmen to determine what the state-required performance bond covers in detail and if there are still issues to contend with to let the ConCom know that it will have to include another bond dealing with runoff.

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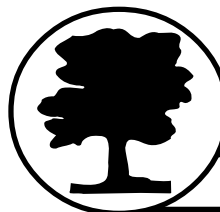
**Sincerely,
Brad Hathaway
Mattapoisett**

To the Editor:

I have come to the conclusion that Mattapoisett residents are not only victims of misinformation by town officials, but even more "unadvertised information." Nothing could fit this category as well as the recent news that our Center School and Old Hammondtown teachers were working without a contract.

It is no accident that truly important matters are deliberately sidestepped and conveniently not mentioned in the weekly Selectmen's meetings and other public forums. While a Selectman, one with a history of credibility issues, bores us with construction details involving concrete being poured at OHS or laments how Betty Quinn will be sorely missed, not a word has been mentioned about a construction blunder at ORR that's going to cost us almost \$500K. There have been no updates on the lawsuits that our Selectmen have exposed us to, and not a thing has been mentioned about our teachers working without a contract. These are just a few examples of how our town officials manage and manipulate news involving important issues to serve their best interests instead of the town's and further conceal their costly and unethical conduct.

The teachers should be applauded for conducting "informational" picketing that many of us witnessed in person and read about in the newspaper. Like many others, I was shocked to learn they were working without a contract, and even more shocked at how the community was so unaware of



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the situation. Instead of trying to constructively resolve the matter, School Committee members wrongly criticized the teachers, accusing them of grandstanding and involving the children. Once again, instead of accepting responsibility for a less-than-sincere effort at a contract resolution, these School Committee members chose to attack the teachers and attempt to distract us away from the issues.

The motivation of the School Committee to hire an attorney at the taxpayers' expense to sit across the bargaining table from our teachers is questionable at best. To assume an unyielding posture with a hired gun while at the same time our teachers are preparing lesson plans and seeing to our children is unacceptable.

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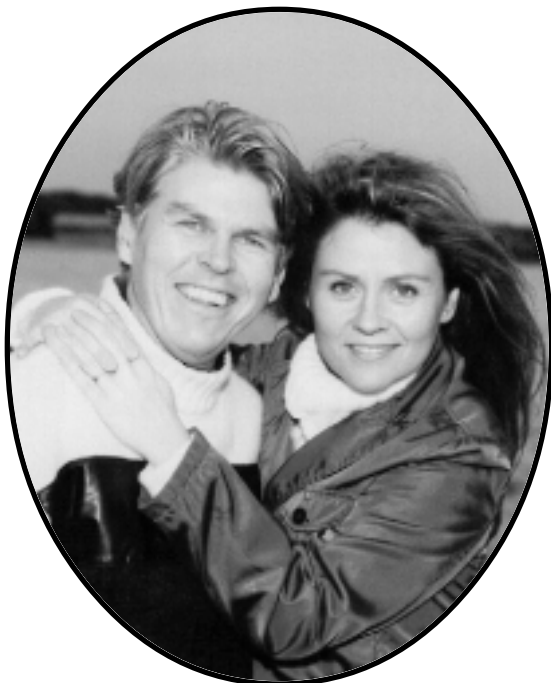
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Our teachers, however, must recognize the challenge of accomplishing "fairness" in Mattapoisett, created by a number of factors.

First, you must recognize that fair wages for Mattapoisett teachers are a very low priority with most town officials. Our Board of Selectmen insist on a ludicrous \$1.2 million police budget in a town of 6,400 people. According to some of our officials we need to build a new \$2.5 million Water and Sewer Building. We need a new Harbormaster building. We need a new 30-foot enclosed Harbormaster boat. Officials don't think twice before carelessly exposing the town to costly lawsuits. Both past and present, poor planning, misplaced priorities, and reckless conduct is costly and will continue to compromise the teachers ability to achieve fair wages.

Secondly, you must realize that a double standard does exist in Mattapoisett, separating the establishment and their cohorts from "the others." The teachers, clearly part of "the others," are not entitled to the same considerations as those in the graces of the machine. How long have the police ever worked without a contract? How long would a teacher keep his or her job after losing their drivers license for drunk driving or committing acts of domestic abuse severe enough to require ordered batterers' treatment programs and counseling? Does the drunk and disorderly bunch of town officials and employees at the wharf on summer nights include teachers? Do our teachers spend countless hours in the local watering hole and drive home plastered while the local police look the other way? Do we hire the least qualified individual for a ranking teacher's position? It was only at the last Annual Town Meeting that (Selectman) Ray Andrews argued for a significant pay raise for the Executive

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Nobody appreciates the commitment and dedication that our teachers bring to the job every day more than a parent. In my case, my children have been provided with and continue to receive an education many only dream of thanks to their teachers.

Our community has a responsibility to treat our teachers fairly and consistently, meeting their needs which appear to be quite reasonable. It is time that our town officials

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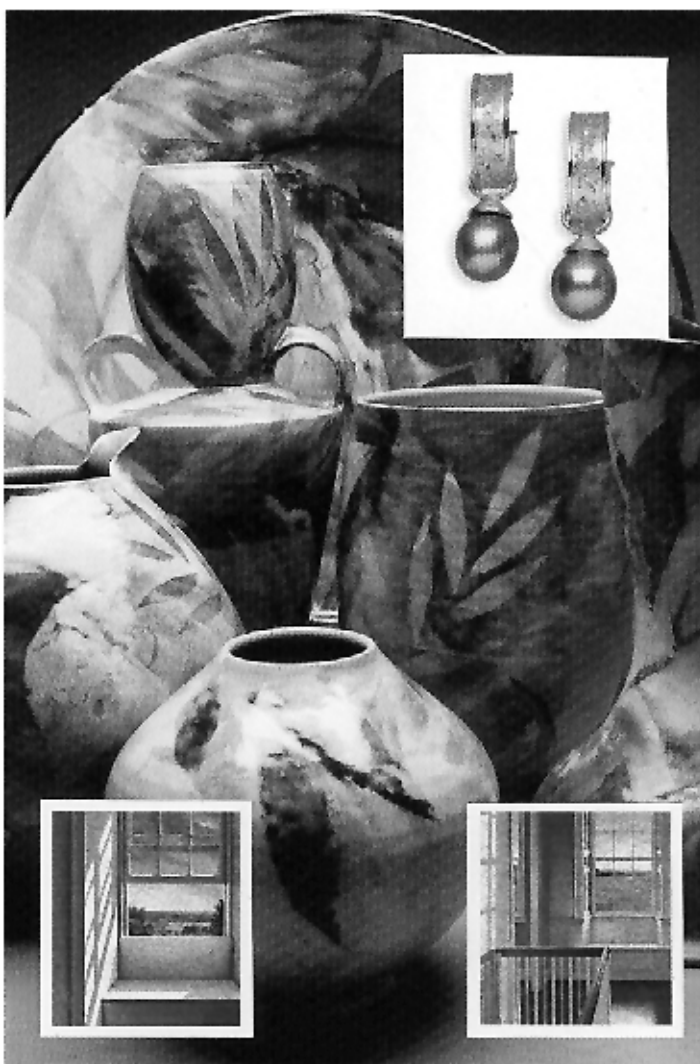
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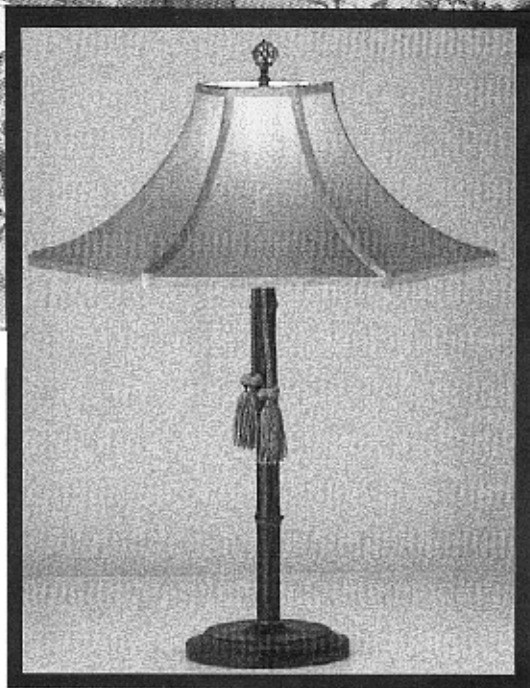
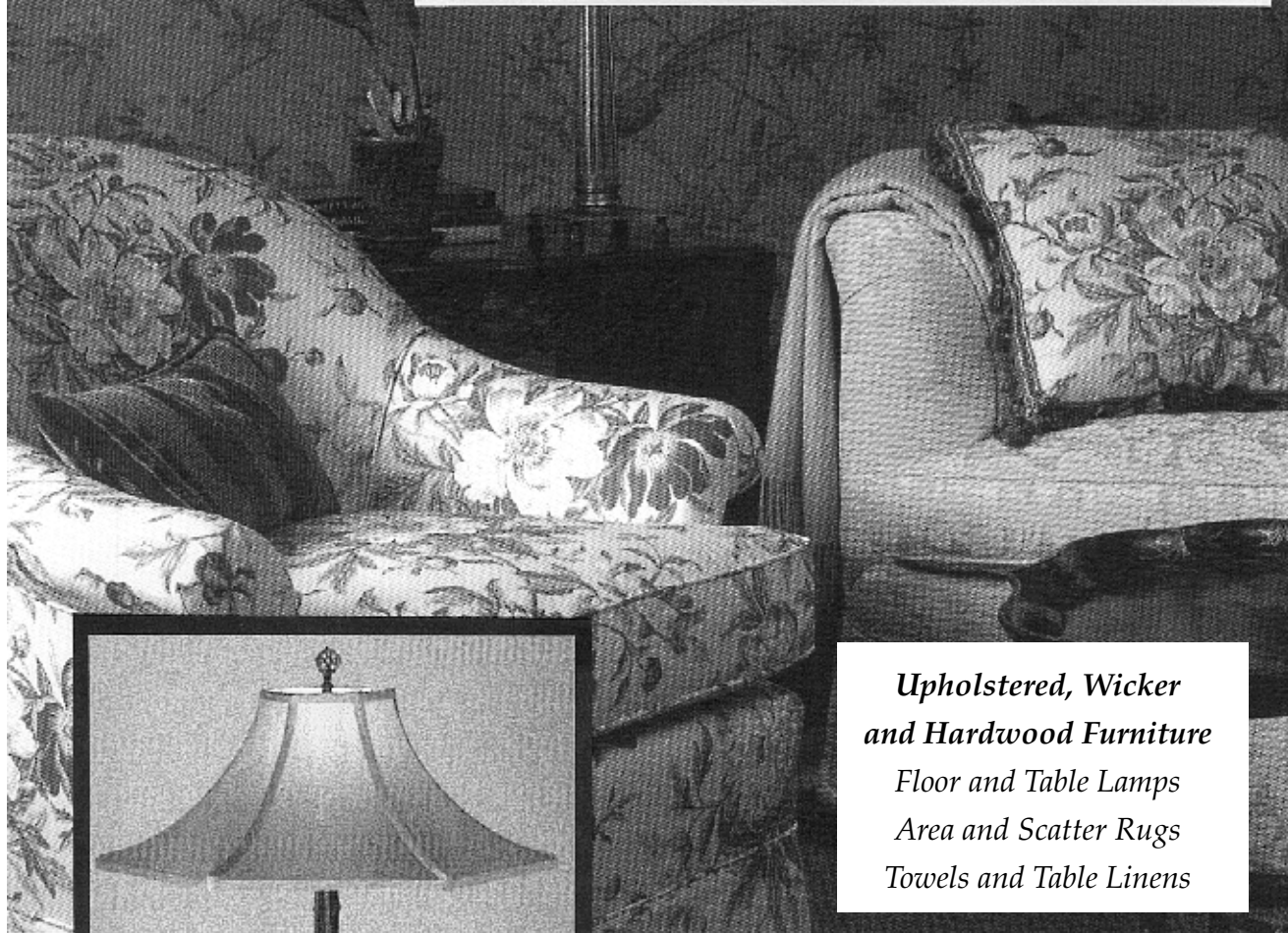
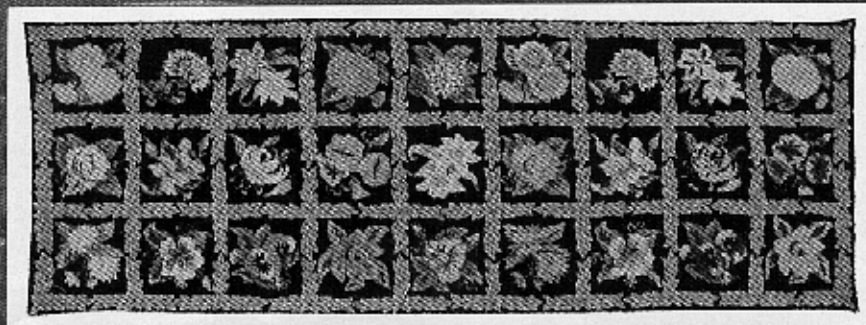
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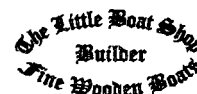
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This letter is in reference to the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission's (ConCom) meeting conducted at Old Hammondtown School on November 27, 2001.

The ConCom requested that the citizens of Mattapoisett be heard and to participate in a given issue or policy. I have submitted four (4) letters with facts and figures regarding the development of The Regatta. These letters and the letters of countless others were never read at the hearings. Who knows if the ConCom members ever read these letters? If people take the time and effort to give information and views, these letters should be a part of the record of the hearing.

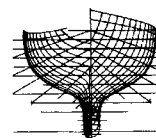
I am writing to protest the decision of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission, when they voted for an Order of Conditions for The Regatta on November 27, 2001. This and the other hearings on The Regatta should be null and void. How can the ConCom reach a decision when they have not presented the Town of Mattapoisett and its residents the information that was not read or discussed at any of the hearings?

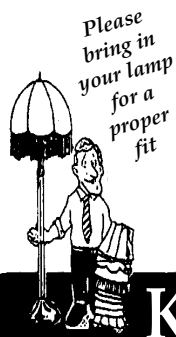
To protect my rights and the rights of the residents who were denied theirs, I am forwarding copies of this letter to Plymouth County District Attorney's Office, Representative William Straus, and Senator Marc R. Pacheco.



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Sincerely,
Daniel C. Lee Jr.
Mattapoisett

To the Editor:

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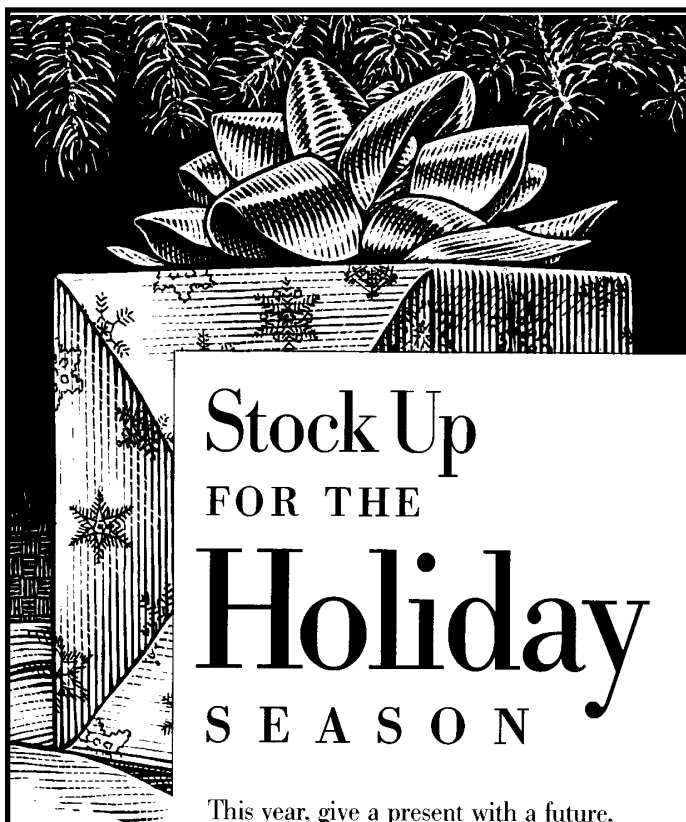
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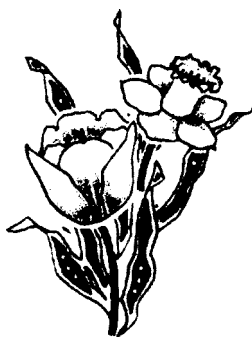
Sincerely,

Eunice Manduca

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A Poem

By Blanche B. Perry, Mattapoisett

Our post office flower boxes
Stand empty and forlorn.
Where once stood bright rows of pansies
The blossoms have long been gone.

How lovely were the impatiens
That greeted us with varied pink.
They were like friendly neighbors
Who moved and were gone in a wink.

The boxes have rotted,
Their blight of decay
Sport only a weed or two
A cause for dismay.

There used to be ladies who
Tended the plants.
They've not been seen lately
But is there a chance?

A chance their past efforts
Were not all in vain
And maybe we'll see
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Bishop to Visit Mattapoisett

The Most Reverend Sean O'Malley, OFM, Bishop of Fall River, will make an Episcopal Visitation to St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett on this coming Saturday, December 8. The Bishop will arrive in the afternoon

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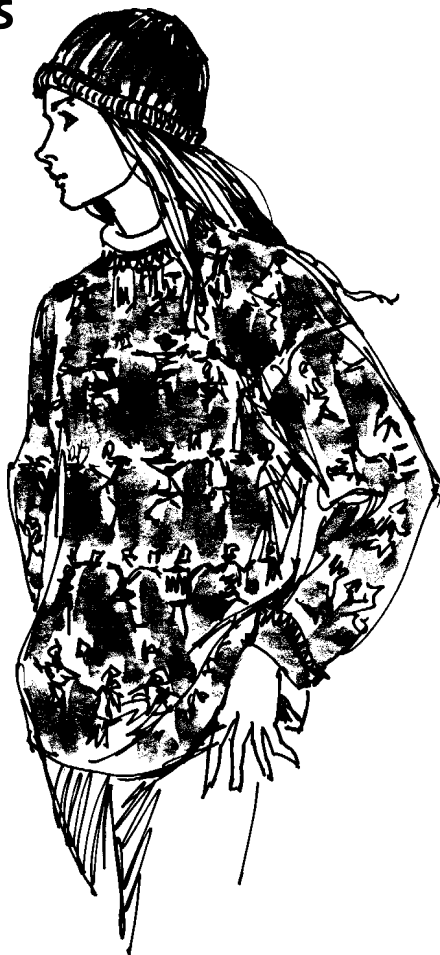
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and meet with parish staff members and clergy as well as with members of the Parish Finance Committee and the Parish Council. At 4:30 pm he will be celebrant of the regularly-scheduled Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent. He will be available to greet parishioners after the Mass.

Mattapoisett Candy Cane Fair

Calling all children ... come one, come all! The Mattapoisett Lions Club will be hosting its Fifth Annual Children's Candy Cane Fair on Saturday, December 8 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the First Congregational Church Hall in Mattapoisett. Admission is FREE! Santa is expected to arrive from the North Pole with gifts at 2:00 pm. Kids will enjoy winning prizes at the numerous games and amusements supervised by the Lions Club members. Also, refreshments will be served to the children.

Based on the success of previous years, children as well as their parents are expected to come and have a good time celebrating the holiday season.

Please bring a wrapped gift, marked "Boy, Girl or Either" with the appropriate age. These gifts will be collected at the door and distributed by the Lions Club to needy children of Mattapoisett in time for Christmas.

Breakfast with Santa

The Rochester Lions Club will be holding their annual Breakfast with Santa on December 9 from 7:30 am to 11:30 am at the Rochester Grange Hall. Breakfast will be buffet style with eggs made to order. The cost is \$5 for everyone 12 and over or \$3 for anyone under 12. There will be pictures with Santa available for \$4 per family or \$2 individually. (They ask that parents don't bring cameras where this is a fund-raiser.) Every child will receive something from Santa and there will be a raffle. For more information, please call King Lion Paula at 508-998-7408. Ho-Ho-Hope to see you there!

Model Train Show

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Sunday, December 9 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, Route 6 in Mattapoisett. Admission is \$2.50 for adults; children (6-12) and seniors (60+) pay \$1.50; with a family maximum of \$6. Children under 6 are admitted FREE (with an adult).

This is Troop 31's annual fund-raiser. The funds raised are used for operating expenses and their monthly camp-outs or field trips. The show is made up of model railroad dealers, selling model trains, building kits, scenery materials, books, videos, and accessories in all scales (N, HO, O and G). Operating layouts will also be available! Food and drink will be served and the school is handicap-accessible. For more information, please contact Dan Charron, 315 New Bedford Road, Rochester, MA 02770, or call 508-763-5948.

Foster Children's Program

The Foster Children's Advocacy Program is a grant-funded program in the New Bedford and Dartmouth Public Schools. The program provides a wide array of services to foster, adopted and at-risk youth ranging from individual counseling to advocacy and referrals. Each year the program collaborates with Sister's Hair Salon in Mattapoisett to hold a Holiday Gift Drive to collect gifts for foster youth for the holidays. Last year they provided approximately 80 children and teens items from their wish list, this year we have doubled that

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Nicole Kearns, a junior from Old Rochester Regional High School has organized a fund-raising effort to raise money for foster teens. Ms. Kearns is collecting donations at the Ropewalk Plaza in Mattapoisett on Saturday, December 8 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The money raised will be used to provide foster teens with gift certificates to the North Dartmouth Mall to purchase much needed clothing and other items.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call 508-997-4511 ext. 3226 between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm, Monday thru Friday or after 2:00 at 508-728-7856.

Tri-County Holiday Concert

Frazzled by holiday shopping and preparations? Enjoy the perfect antidote to the hustle and bustle with a relaxing afternoon listening to seasonal music. The Tri-County Symphonic Band, now in its 40th season, will present its Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 pm in the main auditorium at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Parking is available in lot 5.

Under the direction of Daniel Lasdow, the musicians will perform something for everyone — a blend of familiar holiday favorites and dramatic, seasonal works certain to please. The program will include popular tunes such as "Sleigh Ride" and "Christmas Festival" by Leroy Anderson; "March of the Toys" by Victor Herbert; and "Festive Sounds of Hanukah," arranged by Bill Holcombe.

"Christmas Eve Tattoo," from Giacomo Puccini's "La Boheme"; "Russian Chamber Music" by Alfred Reed; and selections from Tchaikovsky's classic "The Nutcracker" are also on the program, along with a few other surprises.

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Student Elves Come Calling

The Drama Club students at Old Rochester Regional High School are offering a unique holiday opportunity. The student "elves" will make a personal call to a youngster of your choice on Saturday, December 8 between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon using background information provided by you on the application form. For details and application forms, either call Shelley Visinho at 508-748-6929 or log onto <http://hs.orr.mec.edu/students/extra-curricular/ford/elves.html>.

Holiday Turkey Giveaway

Towne Pizza and Bev Loves Books at the Plumb Corner Mall in Rochester on Route 105 will be raffling ten turkeys for the holidays. Bring canned goods for donation to Damien's Pantry or new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots by December 15 and be entered to win a turkey for the holidays. Please call Bev Loves Books in Rochester at 508-763-5503 for directions or more information.

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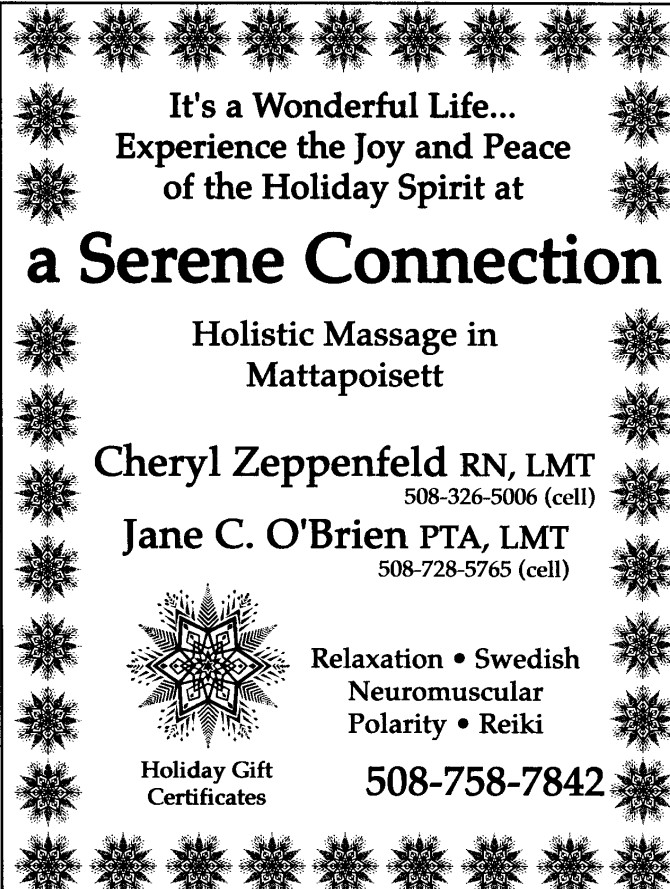
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Mattapoisett Museum Open House

The Annual Christmas Open House at the Mattapoisett Museum and Carriage House, 5 Church Street, will take place on Sunday, December 16 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The old Meeting House will be decorated for the season and, at 2:15 pm, there will be entertainment from The Beans, a well-known musical group from the area. They will share holiday music as well as their specialty "songs of the sea." Everyone is invited to come and share the music, friendship, and a bit of holiday cheer and you might find "last minute" items in their gift corner as well.

Rochester Flu Clinic

There is a limited amount of flu vaccine available that will be administered to Rochester residents at an evening Flu Clinic scheduled for Tuesday, December 11 between 4:00 and 6:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall. If you have any concerns or questions about receiving your flu vaccine, please call your primary care provider. Please wear a short-sleeve shirt and be aware that there is only one nurse administering the vaccine, so it may take time.

Friends of Old Rochester Music

The Old Rochester Regional Senior High School Holiday Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm and the Junior High School Holiday Concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 pm. Each will be held in the High School Auditorium. Admission is FREE and all are invited to attend.

Fairhaven Christmas Tree Sale

For the past twenty-seven years, Troop 55 of the Boys Scouts of America, sponsored by the First Congregational Church in Fairhaven, has sold Christmas Trees as their primary fund-raising activity. The tree sale will be held from Saturday, December 8 through Thursday, December 23 at Mike and Wayne's Police, Fire and Medical Equipment, 163 Huttleston Avenue (Route 6) in Fairhaven (between Papa Gino's and Bush Quality Cleaners).

The Boy Scouts do the actual "selling" and an adult parent is present at all times while trees are being sold. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 7:30 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am to 8:30 pm. Scouts work every evening and all weekend long. All trees are priced to sell. Employees of Mike and Wayne's are gracious enough to collect money for the Scouts during the weekdays. All are invited to the Christmas Tree Sale, to walk among the display and select a Balsam Fir from the large selection. For best pickings, be sure to come early. All proceeds will benefit Boy Scout Troop 55 BSA.

Blood Pressure Clinic

A Blood Pressure Clinic for the month of December will be held on Wednesday, December 12 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. The clinic is open to all Mattapoisett residents.

Marion Holiday Workshop

The Marion Natural History Museum is hosting its Annual Holiday Workshop on Friday, December 14 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the museum (upstairs from the Elizabeth Taber Library on Spring Street). The workshop is FREE to all and will feature holiday storytelling, craft-making, and delicious snacks! Please plan to join them!

Friends of Paul Hubbard


Paul and Donna would like to thank everyone who made their recent fund-raising efforts a success! Paul was finally able to put a lift in his van last week. Also, they would like to congratulate D. Zimmerman of Bridgewater, MA, who won the Pontiac Firebird from Sgarzi Pontiac-Buick Inc. in the recent raffle.

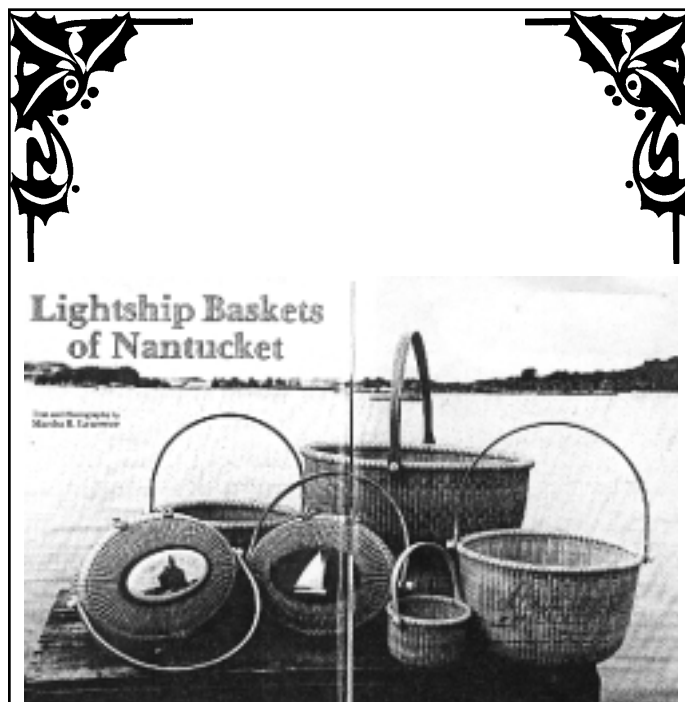
Nutcracker in New Bedford

Come along on a magical journey with New Bedford Youth Ballet dancers to a land of wonder and joy, as they present *The Nutcracker*. This ballet is a timeless tale of how love can break a spell and bring a fantasy world dancing to life. Watch life-size dolls entertain children and adults, meet Drosselmeier, the grandfather, and see the Nutcracker fight the Mouse Queen. Take a journey with Clara to a land of sweets and enchantment. The ballet is a shortened version and is narrated, which makes it ideal for younger children and adults alike. It is a lovely way to enjoy the holiday season!

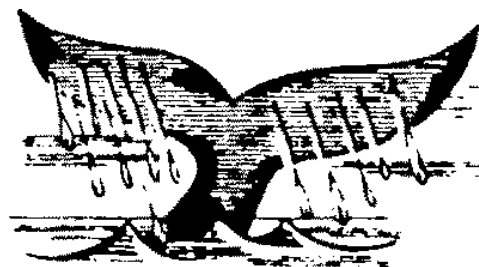
The New Bedford Youth Ballet will be performing this heartwarming story of the Nutcracker on Saturday, December 8 and 15 at 7:00 and 8:00 pm and Sunday, December 9 and 16 at 2:00 and 3:00 pm. The performance will take place at the Alves Theater, 430 County Street in New Bedford.

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Fairhaven Blue Christmas

There are times, in each of our lives, when we are unable to embrace the joy and excitement of the Christmas season. It may be due to something going on in our lives — the recent loss of a loved one, an estrangement in our family, an illness, or the anniversary of death. This year, given the tragic events that have occurred in our world, Christmas may, for many of us, be tinged with some sadness, and it may be difficult to celebrate with as much enthusiasm as we usually have.

A Blue Christmas Service, designed to acknowledge the mixed emotions we may be experiencing at this time of year, will be held on Sunday, December 16 at 7:00 pm at the First Congregational Church, 34 Center Street in Fairhaven. Using comforting music and readings, as well as quiet time for reflection, the service will seek the peace of God's presence while giving thanks for the wonderful miracle of the birth of the Christ Child. All are welcome to attend and to invite others for whom this service might be meaningful. Simple refreshments and a time for fellowship will follow the service. For more information, please call Reverend McClure at 508-993-3368.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club will hold its Christmas Luncheon and Meeting on Thursday, December 13 at 11:30 am in the Reynard Hall of the Congregational Church. If you are not a member and would like to know more, please call Pat at 508-758-4577. A reminder: items for the Hearts and Hands Bake Sale are needed for December 13. Also, baked items for December 12 Mattapoisett Tree Lighting.

Marion Natural History Museum

The Marion Natural History Museum has a part-time position for someone available to keep the museum open from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday. If interested, please send a letter of interest to the Museum Director, Elizabeth Leidhold, P.O. Box 644, Marion, MA 02738.

Rochester Senior Events

- Monday, December 10 – Trip to Galleria Mall and Swank, lunch on your own;
- Tuesday, December 11 – Building Committee Meeting at 9:00 am; Lunch at 11:45 am;
- Wednesday, December 12 – Shopping at Fairhaven at 8:30 am;
- Thursday, December 13 – Lunch at 11:45 am;
- Saturday, December 15 – SERVE/SHARE Pick-Up, 10:00 am to 11:30 am; Yard Sale and Cake Sale;
- Monday, December 17 – Christmas Tree Shop at Bourne, lunch on your own;
- Tuesday, December 18 – Building Committee Meeting at 9:00 am; Lunch at 11:45 am;
- Wednesday, December 19 – COA Meeting at 9:30 am in Town Hall; Shopping at 8:30 am;
- Thursday, December 20 – Lunch at 11:45 am;
- Tuesday, December 25 – Christmas;
- Thursday, December 27 – Lunch at 11:45 am;
- Monday, December 31 – New Years Eve.

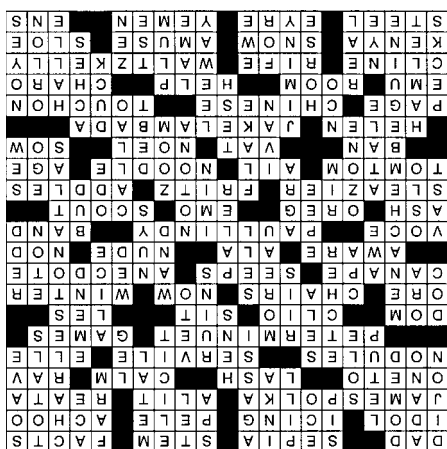
Mattapoissett Tree Lighting

All residents are invited to attend and participate in the Nineteenth Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Shipyard Park on Wednesday, December 12. Festivities begin at 6:00 pm, followed by the arrival of Mr. and Ms. Santa Claus and their elves. Music and refreshments will be provided for all the enjoy. The Mattapoissett Board of Selectmen wish to extend "Season's Greetings" to everyone!

Rochester Christmas Raffle

The Rochester Country Fair Committee is sponsoring a Christmas Raffle for an Old-Fashioned Rocking Horse. Tickets are available for \$3 per chance at the Mayflower Bank in Plumb Corner in Rochester. The drawing will take place on Tuesday, December 18. All proceeds will go to the Rochester Country Fair.

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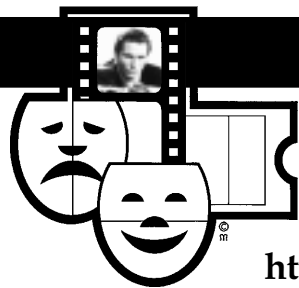
If only this year
he thought to himself,
we all could skip Christmas
and travel down south.
With visions of malls
and crowds in his head,
tackling his Christmas list
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He got in his car
and let out a sigh,
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MOVIE REVIEW

Splitting Hairs

By Rob Gonsalves
<http://robsreviews.cjb.net>



The Man Who Wasn't There. Starring Billy Bob Thornton and Frances McDormand. Directed by Joel Coen. Running time: 116 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Hoyts Nickelodeon in North Falmouth and Flagship Cinemas in New Bedford.

After a couple of frisky larks — the stoner rhapsody *The Big Lebowski* and the yodelling fable *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* — Joel and Ethan Coen are back cruising the streets of film noir mood and menace in *The Man Who Wasn't There*. This will likely be the only Coen film ever to share its title with a 3-D sex comedy, and I have no doubt that the Coens, whose roots are in '80s grindhouse (Joel helped edit Sam Raimi's *The Evil Dead*), knew about the 1983 film with Steve Guttenberg as an invisible man visiting, among other places, a girls' shower room. So the title is prankish and deliberately pulpy; the film's style itself is austere and crisp (Roger Deakins did the black-and-white photography), but the Coens are still jokers at heart, and the movie is a joke of the driest, most deadpan kind.

The deadpan starts with Billy Bob Thornton as Ed Crane, a barber who seems spiritually immobilized, and you quickly understand why the Coens cast Thornton — he has the fatalistic slouch of a Bogart or a Mitchum, and for the first time here he has a more promising camera face than his wife's. Ed's thoroughgoing quietude in any situation is good for uneasy laughs, and we also hear his narration, which does not sound as if he's telling this story at poolside in the Bahamas. Thornton looks and speaks uncannily like a B-movie actor circa 1949 (when the film is set), except it's an A-movie performance — Thornton does wonders within the *tabula rasa* of words and gestures he's limited to.

Ed wants to be more than a barber, but doesn't know how; he has resigned himself to what he has come to see as an unexciting life, with an unexciting wife, Doris (Coen staple Frances McDormand, who enjoys one of the funnier drunken scenes on film). When an oily hustler (Jon Polito, who can always be counted on to add some oil to a Coen film) offers to bring Ed in on a get-rich-quick scheme involving dry cleaning — if Ed will just kick in \$10,000 — Ed accepts, then goes about figuring out how to get the money. As luck would have it, Doris is cheating on him with Big Dave (James Gandolfini, filling John Goodman's usual role), her boss; Ed decides to blackmail Big Dave. Of course, it's far from that simple.

As I've said before, *noir* is not about plot twists so much as a



general doomed-from-birth attitude solidified by the plot twists, which act as one door after another slamming shut behind our hero until he's trapped by his own animal desperation. *The Man Who Wasn't There* is awfully short on animal desperation, or animal anything, which is part of the Coens' sly up-ending of the genre. Ed has no inner life, no passion; the closest he comes to the latter is his fondness for a young girl (Scarlett Johansson) who plays piano — he takes an interest in her talent and thinks there's a career in it for her. But even then he's such a lukewarm cod that when the girl calls him an "enthusiast," the very idea of him being enthused gets one of the script's weirdest laughs.

In true Coen form, the following things happen: blood flows ostentatiously; a large man screams at the camera (a favorite Coen visual); said camera fixates on a particular action (a woman's leg being shaved) only to bring it out again later for an ironic curtain call; and once again, the pursuit of money brings only damnation. The Coens give us heroes with reasonable enough goals, who resort to unreasonable tactics to achieve them; part of the comedy of their work is that the consequences are so out of proportion to the characters' basic intent, and this is why the Coens have often been labelled wanton boys pulling the wings off flies.

Here, at least, the absurdist cruelty has context; as Ed slumps through one misfortune after another, he becomes a walking commentary on an entire genre. *The Man Who Wasn't There* may not be as immediately engaging as the Coens' other movies — it has few fanciful "Coen moments" and will be the least likely film in the portfolio to be watched and cackled over repeatedly — but it's still a gorgeous piece of work, as different from the Coens' other films as the other films are from each other. Even a mere Coen exercise in style is worthwhile, because they not only have style, they *understand* it.

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Friday (December 7) - Thursday (December 13)

Focus (PG-13) – 12:40, 3:45, 6:50, 9:30

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (PG) – 12:30, 3:50, 7:20

Sideways of New York (R) – 12:20, 2:40, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40
 The Man Who Wasn't There (R) – 12:45, 3:40, 6:45, 9:25

Life As A House (R) – 1:00, 7:00

Heist (R) – 3:30, 9:35

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- *Pearl Harbor*
- *John Carpenter's Ghosts of Mars*
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 Movie Hotline: (508) 985-3000

Friday (December 7) - Thursday (December 13)

The Man Who Wasn't There (R) – 1:30, 4:20, 7:25, 9:55

Ocean's 11 (PG-13) – 1:25, 4:05, 7:05, 9:30

Behind Enemy Lines (PG-13) – 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 7:10, 9:25

Black Knight (PG-13) – 12:05, 2:15, 4:35, 7:15, 9:30

Spy Game (R) – 1:20, 4:15, 6:50, 9:45

Out Cold (PG-13) – 12:15, 2:25, 4:25, 7:20, 9:40

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (PG) – 12:00,

1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00

Monsters, Inc. (G) – 12:30, 2:35, 4:40, 7:05, 9:05

Shallow Hal (PG-13) – 12:05, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55

Heist (R) – 1:15, 4:10, 6:55

The Wash (R) – 9:20

GENERAL CINEMA 12

Faunce Corner Road, North Dartmouth, MA.
 Movie Line: (508) 999-3141

Sunday (December 7) - Wednesday (December 12)

Ocean's 11 (PG-13) – 12:50, 1:20, 3:40, 4:30, 6:30, 7:00, 8:50, 9:20

Shallow Hal (PG-13) – 1:00, 3:50, 6:30, 8:50

Domestic Disturbance (PG-13) – 1:10, 4:00, 6:40, 8:50

Behind Enemy Lines (PG-13) – 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 9:30

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (PG) – 12:45,

1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 4:50, 5:40, 7:00, 7:50, 8:40

Spy Game (R) – 1:00, 3:40, 6:40, 9:10

Black Knight (PG-13) – 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:00

Out Cold (PG-13) – 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:00

Monsters, Inc. (G) – 12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30

St. Gabriel's Hosts Meal

St. Gabriel's Church of Marion has joined with "Churches United to End Hunger" that have organized Friendship Tables to serve free hot meals on a regular basis to the area residents who are in need. St. Gabriel's will host a free meal at the First Congregational Church in Wareham on Tuesday, December 18 between 5:30 and 6:30 pm. Doors open at 5:00 pm at the church, located at 498 Main Street, at the corner of Gibbs Avenue. The menu includes Brad's special stew, Barbie's green salad, cranberry bread, variety of juices and a surprise dessert by Marion.

The Reverend Cynthia Bell is leading a dedicated group of volunteers. Anyone interested in contributing their time or talents should call St. Gabriel's at 508-748-1507. This program continues through the first quarter with meals served on January 15, February 19, and March 19. Notices will be distributed through the local schools and community organizations. Please pass this along to someone you think might want to attend. Bon Appetite!

Center School Holiday Show

The Third Grade Students and Intergenerational Chorus of Center School in Mattapoisett will present the musical "December in Our Town," a multicultural celebration of the season, on Friday, December 21 at 9:30 am in the auditorium of Old Rochester Regional High School.

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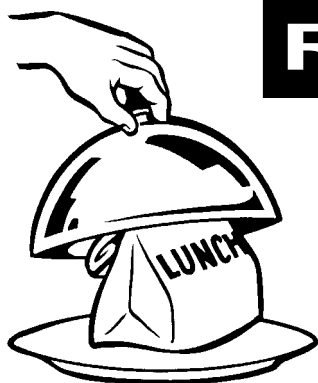
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Monday, December 10 – Hamburger on a bun, turkey sandwich, French fries, carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

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Wednesday, December 12 – Baked chicken, ham sandwich, rice, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 13 – Hot dog on a roll, turkey sandwich, potato puffs, peas, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, December 14 – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna salad sandwich, salad dressing, tossed salad, fresh fruit, milk.

• COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, December 10 – Beef barley soup, savory chicken leg, sweet potatoes, rye bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, December 11 – American chop suey, green beans, oatmeal bread, chocolate pudding, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, December 12 – Roast pork with gravy, oven roasted potato, glazed carrots, snowflake roll, holiday cake, graham wafer.

Thursday, December 13 – Beef sausage cacciatore, ziti with sauce, broccoli, whole wheat roll, fruit in light syrup.

Friday, December 14 – Seafood salad, potato salad, calico cole slaw, pita bread, fruited gelatin with topping, fresh fruit.

• CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, December 10 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, December 11 – Hamburgers or cheeseburgers, potato wedges, lettuce, tomato, corn,

fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, December 12 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, ham and cheese pocket, roll, lettuce, tomato, tossed salad, fruit, soup, dessert, milk.

Thursday, December 13 – Meatball sub, steak'um, potato puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, soup, dessert, milk.

Friday, December 14 – Cheese or pepperoni stuffed crust pizza, fish in a roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

• FAIRHAVEN

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, December 10 – Chicken nuggets with sauces, meatball grinder with sauce, grated mozzarella, steak'um and cheese sub, shoestring fries, baked beans, chilled applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping.

Tuesday, December 11 – Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, scrambled eggs with Canadian bacon, "hero" sub, Ore Ida smiles potatoes, chilled pears, mini Rice Krispie treats.

Wednesday, December 12 – Kentucky style chicken, baked pork chop with gravy, hot dog on a roll, whipped potatoes, peas, chilled peaches, strawberry jello with topping.

Thursday, December 13 – Chicken patty club, hamburger/cheeseburger, hot ham and cheese, tuna salad sub, cheese Doritos, carrot sticks, raisins, chocolate chip cookie.

Friday, December 14 – American chop suey, grated mozzarella, grilled cheese sandwich, shaved turkey club, oven fries, green beans, chilled applesauce, frozen juice squeeze pop.

• HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL, FAIRHAVEN

Monday, December 10 – Chicken nuggets with sauces, meatball grinder with sauce, grated mozzarella, steak'um and cheese sub, shoestring fries, baked beans, chilled applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping.

Tuesday, December 11 – Stuffed crust pizza, scrambled eggs with Canadian bacon, shaved turkey with lettuce and tomato, chilled pears, mini Rice Krispie treats.

Wednesday, December 12 – Kentucky style chicken, baked pork chop with gravy, hot dog on a roll, whipped potatoes, peas, chilled peaches, strawberry jello with topping.

Thursday, December 13 – Stuffed

manicotti with sauce and garlic bread, Italian grinder, chicken salad sub, oven potatoes, carrots, raisins, chilled apricots.

Friday, December 14 – American chop suey with sauce and garlic bread, grilled cheese sandwich, shaved turkey club, oven fries, green beans, chilled applesauce, frozen juice squeeze pop.

• MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, December 10 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, December 11 – Hamburgers or cheeseburgers, potato wedges, lettuce, tomato, corn, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, December 12 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, ham and cheese pocket, roll, lettuce, tomato, tossed salad, fruit, soup, dessert, milk.

Thursday, December 13 – Meatball sub, steak'um, potato puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, soup, dessert, milk.

Friday, December 14 – Cheese or pepperoni stuffed crust pizza, fish in a roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

• OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, December 10 – Steak'Um and cheese, French fries, corn, fruit, peanut butter cookie.

Tuesday, December 11 – Meat loaf sandwich, ham roll-up, potato puffs, carrots, jello.

Wednesday, December 12 – Turkey and gravy over mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, roll, pudding.

Thursday, December 13 – Sausage sandwich, onions and peppers, hash brown patty, green beans, cake.

Friday, December 14 – Soup, tuna or pizza, potato chips, veggie sticks, dessert.

• OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL, MATTAPOISETT

Monday, December 10 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, December 11 – Hamburgers or cheeseburgers, potato wedges, lettuce, tomato, corn, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, December 12 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, ham and cheese pocket, roll, lettuce, tomato,

tossed salad, fruit, soup, dessert, milk.

Thursday, December 13 – Meatball sub, steak'um, potato puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, soup, dessert, milk.

Friday, December 14 – Cheese or pepperoni stuffed crust pizza, fish in a roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

• ORR JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, December 10 – Soup, chicken patty, French fries, BBQ ribs, lettuce, tomato, pickle, dessert, juice or milk.

Tuesday, December 11 – Soup, beef taco, Italian sub, lettuce, tomato, nachos, cheese sauce, dessert, juice or milk.

Wednesday, December 12 – Soup, spaghetti, meat sauce, hot dogs, double grilled cheese, green beans, garlic bread, dessert, juice or milk.

Thursday, December 13 – Soup, chicken nuggets, mashed potato, linguica roll, gravy, corn, applesauce, roll, dessert, juice or milk.

Friday, December 14 – Soup, teriyaki chicken fillet, ham and cheese croissant, lettuce, tomato, dessert, juice or milk.

• SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, December 10 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, December 11 – Hamburgers or cheeseburgers, potato wedges, lettuce, tomato, corn, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, December 12 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, ham and cheese pocket, roll, lettuce, tomato, tossed salad, fruit, soup, dessert, milk.

Thursday, December 13 – Meatball sub, steak'um, potato puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, soup, dessert, milk.

Friday, December 14 – Cheese or pepperoni stuffed crust pizza, fish in a roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

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Fairhaven Victorian Holiday

The second weekend in December is the time to visit Fairhaven if you want to feel a sense of old-time holiday spirit as the town celebrates its fourth annual Very Victorian Holiday. On December 7, 8 and 9, about a dozen special events are scheduled in areas all over town.



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While My Guitar Gently Weeps

By Kenneth J. Souza
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And then there were two. Strange as it may seem, the Fab Four was sadly reduced to the Truncated Two last week with the expected but melancholy passing of guitarist **George Harrison** ... you know, "The Quiet One." Alternately regarded as both the silent soul of **The Beatles** and the member who was least comfortable with the trappings of fame and stardom, Harrison carved a niche for himself as the spiritual guru of the group, a man who forever struggled to step out from the looming shadows of John Lennon and Paul McCartney.

Unlike drummer Ringo Starr, who always seemed content to remain behind his kit for the most part, Harrison did eventually manage to break out as a solid singer/songwriter and penned such Beatles staples as "Here Comes the Sun," "Something" and "While My Guitar Gently Weeps." He later embarked on a reputable solo career which spawned hits like "My Sweet Lord," "Crackerbox Palace" and "Got My Mind Set On You." His tunes were often more introspective and philosophical than Lennon's mind games and certainly darker and less pop-oriented than McCartney's bouncy melodies. But although they were decidedly different, they remained as well-crafted and catchy as the best Lennon/McCartney compositions.

With all the tributes and media coverage of Harrison's passing this past week, it's hard not to be reminded of the same nearly-universal experience which swept the world almost eleven years to the date. Like many people, I grew up listening to The Beatles and considered myself a fan; so December 1980 sticks in my mind the way most people recall President John F. Kennedy's 1963 assassination. Arriving at school early that morning, I can clearly recall encountering a friend and fellow music fan who walked down the hall to his locker in stunned disbelief. "They shot John Lennon," was all he said. Granted, it was a lone lunatic and not the conspiracy-obsessed "they" who killed the Walrus, but I understood what he meant. Until that moment, I think all Beatles fans and music enthusiasts still harbored a glimmer of hope that the group might, someday, reunite and resurrect the magic that once was. Lennon's passing became the first nail in Sergeant Pepper's coffin.

Even though Harrison's recent death was less shocking than his bandmate's — indeed, somewhat anticipated given his recent health problems — it still hit fans hard,



knowing that another link to their past was now gone. But like Lennon, Harrison didn't depart without leaving his mark ... not only in the music industry, but also as a major backer of movies through his Handmade Films company, which produced the likes of *Monty Python's Life of Brian* (in which he made a rare cameo appearance) and Pythoner Terry Gilliam's *Time Bandits*.

In the 1980's he also joined fellow "geezer" rockers Bob Dylan, Roy Orbison, Tom Petty and Jeff Lynne as the fictional "Traveling Wilburys" which yielded two great albums of material. And his charitable efforts and work to foster a message of peace and love did not go unnoticed, as British Prime Minister Tony Blair noted in a statement last week.

But for me, Harrison will always be the strong-silent type who prefers to remain in the background or on the sidelines. That's not to say his contributions were any less important — indeed, Harrison's backing vocals and guitar were an integral part of The Beatles' sound — but he was the template for what would become the "mysterious guitar player" for virtually every rock band thereafter. You had the edgy rocker (Lennon), the classically-trained popster (McCartney), the fun-loving prankster (Starr), and the sombre brooder (Harrison). It was the perfect chemistry for the perfect band at just the right time. Now two key elements of that pitch-perfect formula are forever gone.

Yet Harrison's legacy lives on in the clanging riffs of "She Loves You," "Ticket to Ride" and "A Hard Day's Night." *Roll over, Beethoven* ... and make room for George.

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The activities begin on the evening of Friday, December 7 at 6:00 pm with caroling and the lighting of Benoit Square at the junction of Howland Road and Main and Adams Streets. The Oxford School Choir will be on hand and Santa will arrive on an antique fire truck to hand out treats. The lighting of the square is sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association. The Benoit Square program will be immediately followed by the Oxford School Santa's Workshop, 347 Main Street, beginning at approximately 7:00 pm. There will be children's activities, small holiday gifts for sale, and a visit from Santa. The school fair is sponsored by the Oxford School PTA.

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- Route 195 West – mutual aid/assist other police department
- Converse Road – medical emergency
- Front Street – parking violation
- Point Road – annoying phone calls
- Benson Brook Road – lost property
- Atlantis Drive – vandalism/past
- Spring Street – annoying phone calls
- Olde Knoll Road – hunting violation
- Mill Street – fraud
- Wareham Road – animal complaint
- Abels Way – animal complaint
- Rebecca Drive – hunting violation
- Point Road – parking violation
- Front Street – animal complaint
- Front Street – runaway
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mill Street – larceny/past
- Spring Street – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Allen Street – officer wanted
- County Road – assist other police department
- Olde Knoll Road – hunting violation
- Main Street – suspicious person
- Front Street – officer wanted
- Front Street – youths in street
- Hiller Street – suspicious person
- Mill Street – parking violation
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Spring Street – larceny/past
- Lady Slipper Lane – hunting violation
- Olde Knoll Road – animal complaint

- Benson Brook Road – suspicious activity
- Front Street – parking violation
- Delano Road – animal complaint
- Benson Brook Road – suspicious activity
- County Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mill Street – motor vehicle stop.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 25 through December 1, 2001:

- Knollwood Drive – general disturbance
- Driscoll Lane – request for peace officer
- Industrial Drive – report of dirt bikes in area
- County Road – adult arrest (warrant)
- Kestrel Lane – suspicious activity
- Marston Court – disturbance/loud persons
- Water Street – disturbance/loud patrons out front, loud music from auto
- Water Street – recovered property
- Fairhaven Road – motor vehicle violation
- Barstow Street – parking complaint
- Park Street – loose dog
- County Road – motor vehicle violation
- North Street – obstruction in road
- Marion Road – juvenile arrest
- Water Street – found property
- County Road – suspicious activity
- County Road – larceny from motor vehicle/stolen shotgun
- County Road – trial warrant/adult arrest
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle violation
- Marion Road – suspicious activity
- Fairhaven Road – past vandalism
- Marion Road – adult arrest (warrant)
- County Road – returned property
- North Street – suspicious activity
- Marion Road – suspicious activity
- Acushnet Road – dog in yard
- North Street – party with difficulty breathing
- Barstow Street – disturbance/vehicle driving on grounds

- County Road – larceny/drive-off without paying for gas
- Marion Road – party operating with revoked license plates
- Fairhaven Road – vandalism/broken window
- Mattapoisett Neck Road – suspicious activity/kids at turnaround.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 22 through December 3, 2001:

- Vaughan Hill Road – adult arrest (operating under the influence)
- New Bedford Road – car hit deer
- Mendell Road – animal control matter
- Snipatuit Road – trespassing
- Williams Way – suspicious activity
- Benson Road – suspicious activity
- Mattapoisett Road – animal control matter
- Old Neck Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Cushman Road – car hit deer
- North Avenue – suspicious activity
- Cushman Road – theft
- Marion/Tabor Academy – mutual aid
- Neck Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mattapoisett Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- New Bedford Road – suspicious activity
- Cranberry Highway – noise complaint
- Walnut Plain Road – car hit deer
- Blackmore Pond Road/Wareham – motor vehicle accident/mutual aid
- Neck Road – vandalism
- Outdoor World – vandalism
- Dexter's Lane – highway matter
- Tabor Lane – possible breaking and entering
- Front Street/Marion – mutual aid
- Braley Hill Road – suspicious activity
- Tilson Road – noise complaint
- Annie Maxim Home – suspicious motor vehicle
- Marion Road – suspicious activity
- Walnut Plain Road – suspicious activity
- Quaker Lane – vandalism.

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A full day of events from morning until night are scheduled for Saturday, December 8, among the Henry Huttleston Rogers buildings and churches in the center of Fairhaven.

The Saturday evening events begin at 8:00 am at Rogers School, Center and Pleasant Streets, where the PTA will sponsor a Santa's Workshop and breakfast. Donuts, bagels and beverages will be sold and photos may be taken with a Victorian Father Christmas and other historical Santas. Children can create a number of fun craft projects. The breakfast concludes at 11:30 am.

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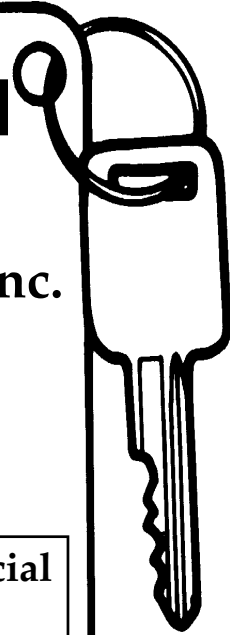
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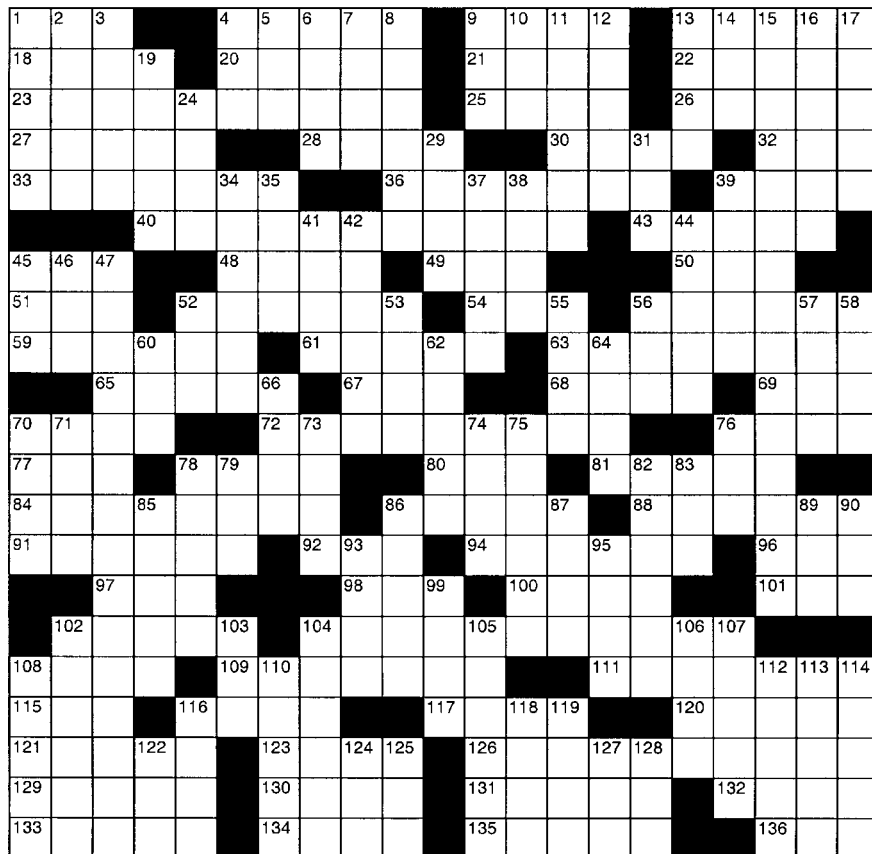
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21 Soccer superstar
22 Cold sound
23 Dancing president?
25 Landed
26 Range rope
27 — a customer
28 Whip
30 Tranquil
32 — 4 (Toyota model)
33 Little lumps
36 Fawning
39 Parisian pronoun
40 Dancing colonist?
43 Go Fish and golf
45 Comic DeLuise
48 Muse with a scroll
49 Command to a corgi
50 Meyerbeer's —
Huguenots"
51 Prospector's prize
- 52 "The Twelve —" ('70 film)
54 At once
56 Freezin' season
59 Finger food
61 Trickles
63 Short story
65 Cognizant
67 In the manner of
68 Bare
69 Start to snooze
70 Viva —
72 Dancing comic?
76 "— of Gold" ('70 hit)
77 Gray matter?
78 Northwestern st.
80 Philips of "UHF"
81 Tonto's horse
84 More disreputable
86 Director Lang
88 Flusters
91 Percussion instrument
92 Feel awful
94 Bean
96 Make cheddar better
97 Prohibit
98 Wine vessel
100 Yuletide
101 Piglet's parent
- 102 Hunt or Hayes
104 Dancing boxer?
108 Kid at court
109 Hailing from Hunan
111 Mention briefly
115 Aussie walker
116 Space resort
117 Assistance
120 Spanish guitarist
121 "Crazy" singer
123 Widespread
126 Dancing cartoonist?
129 Neighbor of Somalia
130 Singer
Phoebe
131 Entertain
132 Sour fruit
133 Novelist
Danielle
134 Bronte heroine
135 Aden's locale
136 Minnesota twins?
- DOWN
1 Mustard type
2 Hersey setting
3 Like the Taj Mahal
4 Use a straw

- 5 Word form for "environ-ment"
6 It may be bitter
7 "— Dinka Doo" ('33 song)
8 '92 Wimbledon winner
9 Health resort
10 — Aviv
11 Draw forth
12 Copper or cobalt
13 "Green Acres" setting
14 "Stroker —" ('83 film)
15 Dancing body-builder?
16 Wrecks the Rolls
17 Italian wine
19 Abate
24 Seafood selection
29 Coop crowd
31 Pantyhose part
34 Rembrandt or Whistler
35 Ward of "Sisters"
37 Wreckage
38 Reject
39 Touch up the text
41 Journalist Jacob
- 42 Jeanne of "Jules and Jim"
44 Mrs. Kranden
45 Bandleader Severinsen
46 "... man — mouse?"
47 Dancing statesman?
52 Numbers pro
53 Push a product
55 Trick stick
56 Tie the knot
57 Thames town
58 Funnyman Fox
60 Veneration
62 Less vivid
64 Van —, CA
66 Piece of fencing?
70 Enormous
71 European capital
73 Akbar's city
74 "— the Mood for Love" ('35 song)
75 "— bet!"
76 Sprout
78 It's up in the air
79 Volcano part
82 Peruvian port
83 Keats composition
- 85 Dickens title start
86 Peel off
87 Move like mad
89 Self-esteem
90 Make a muumuu
93 Psychologist Pavlov
95 Obligation
99 TV host John
102 Village
103 Sgt. or cpl.
104 Disney cricket
105 Margin
106 Mallard or teal
107 Suffers
108 Acts like a chicken
110 Neighsayer?
112 Actress Berry
113 Synthetic textile
114 "The Highwayman" poet
116 Genuine
118 Fancy fabric
119 Homer's fruit
122 Carrie or Louis
124 On behalf of
125 Ovine female
127 Poetic monogram
128 — Buddhism



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your curiosity might not be appreciated by everyone. Expect some resistance in getting answers to your questions. But stay with it. You need facts in order to make important decisions.

TAURUS (April 19 to May 20) Some of the mystery surrounding your recent fiscal situation will soon be dispelled with a clear explanation. Use this new knowledge to help you chart a fresh financial course.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Start your Christmas and Chanukah gift-buying now. This will help avoid problems caused by possible mid-December delays. A family member has important information.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Use a little more sense in how you plan to spend your end-of-the-year holiday dollars. Meanwhile, you continue to gain support for your stand on a workplace issue.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Wearing that big, loving Lion's heart of yours on your sleeve leaves it unprotected. Let things develop a little more before you allow your emotions to spill over.

VIRGO (Aug 23 to September 22) You might feel you're not ready to patch up an unraveled relationship. But the longer you wait, the more difficult it will be for all parties to take the first healing step.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your end-of-the-year holiday plans could be disrupted by something out of your control, but stay the course. Ultimately, things will settle back into a normal pace.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your honest approach to a workplace project earns you both respect and credit from those in charge. Meanwhile, that personal problem still needs to be dealt with.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Money could be a little tight this month. This means the usually bargain-oblivious Sagittarius should look for ways to save on end-of-the-year holidays.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Examine the facts, and you might find that it's a wiser move to shift gears and redirect some of your goals before the end of the year. Someone close to you offers good advice.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Be careful that your generosity is not abused. Find out more, both about the special favors you might be asked to grant and who is asking for them.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You've come through a recent rough time in great shape. Congratulations. Now go out and enjoy your well-earned rewards. More good news comes in mid-December.

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Mattapoisett Planning Barry Perkins, Clerk 12/6, 12/13</p> <p>IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA, STATE OF GEORGIA DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION Civil Action, File Number D2001-1104 CLINTON JOSHUA FAISON, Plaintiff vs. KRISTINA F. FAISON, Defendant NOTICE OF PUBLICATION TO: KRISTINA F. FAISON, Defendant You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking divorce was filed against you in said Court on Nov. 21, 2001, and that by reason of an Order of Service of Summons by Publication entered by Court on Nov. 21, 2001, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Douglas J. Flanagan, Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is: 3540 Wheeler Road, Suite 509, Augusta, Georgia 30909 an Answer to the Complaint within sixty days of (date of filing of petition). WITNESS the Honorable William M. Fleming Jr., Franklin H. Pierce, Bernard J. Mulherin, Albert Pickett, Carlisle Overstreet and Carl C. Brown, Jr., Robert L. Allgood, Neal Dickert, Duncan D. Wheale, Judges of said Court. This 21st day of November, 2001. Nettie B. Stubb Deputy Clerk of Superior Court For: Columbia County, GA 11/28, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20</p> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING The Rochester Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Verizon for one (1) jointly owned pole location on Snipatuit Road. This work is necessary to provide utility service to a new customer. The public hearing will be held on Monday, December 17, 2001, 7:30pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Richard D. Cutler, Chairman 12/7, 12/14</p>



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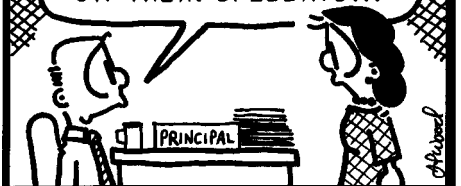
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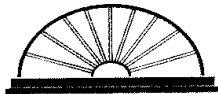
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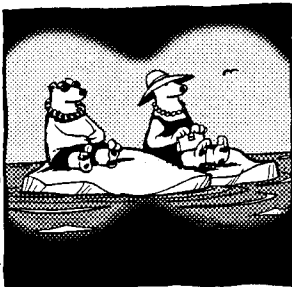
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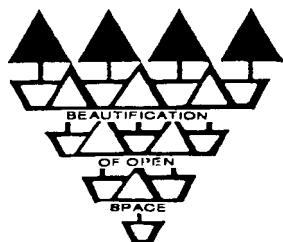
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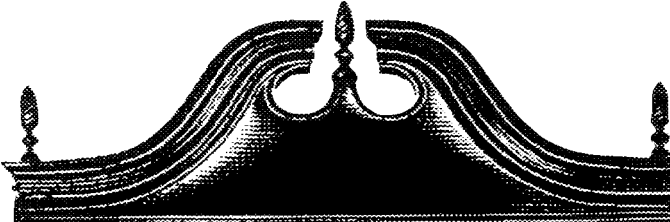
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A supper will be served in the center on Saturday evening, when the Centre Methodist Church, 46 Center Street, serves its famous Ham Loaf Dinner at 5:30 pm. The price of the meal is \$7.50. Reservations for the dinner are suggested and can be made by calling 508-993-5091 for tickets.

The Saturday festivities conclude with the Fairhaven Improvement Association's annual sing-along on the steps of Town Hall beginning at 7:00 pm. Steve Rogers will lead the caroling. During the sing-along Santa will visit to hand out candy canes. Immediately afterwards, hot cocoa will be served by the Fairhaven Historical Society inside Town Hall.

The Fairhaven Improvement Association, with assistance from the Garden Club of Greater New Bedford, is responsible for the outdoor decorations in the town center, including greens and wreaths at the Town Hall and Millicent Library and the Victorian decoration of window boxes in the vicinity of Center Street.

On Sunday, December 9, The Breakfast with Santa and Rudolph Shop will be held at St. Joseph's School, 100 Spring Street, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee will be served. Breakfast tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. Great stocking stuffers and photos with Santa will be available and a coloring contest will be held. Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit St. Joseph's School.



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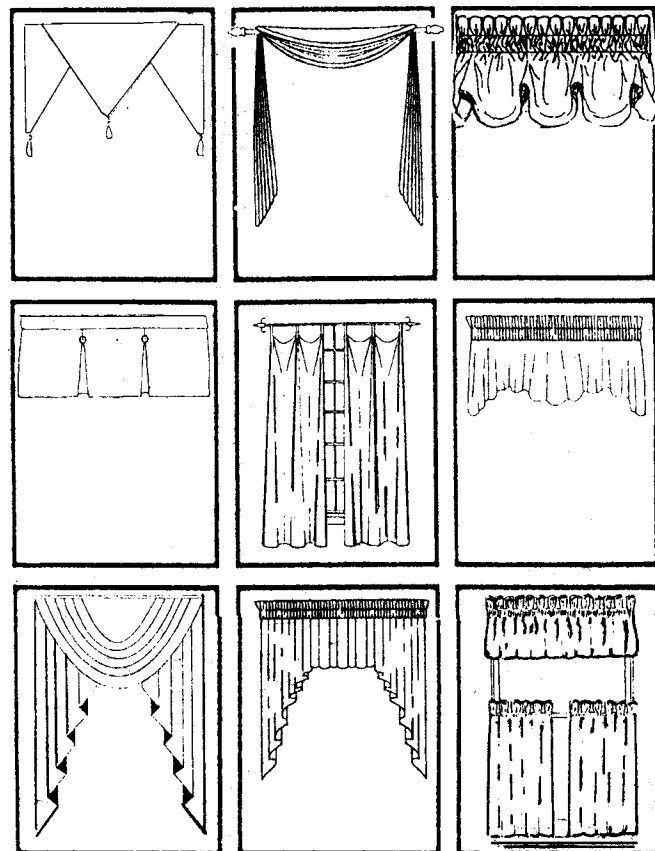
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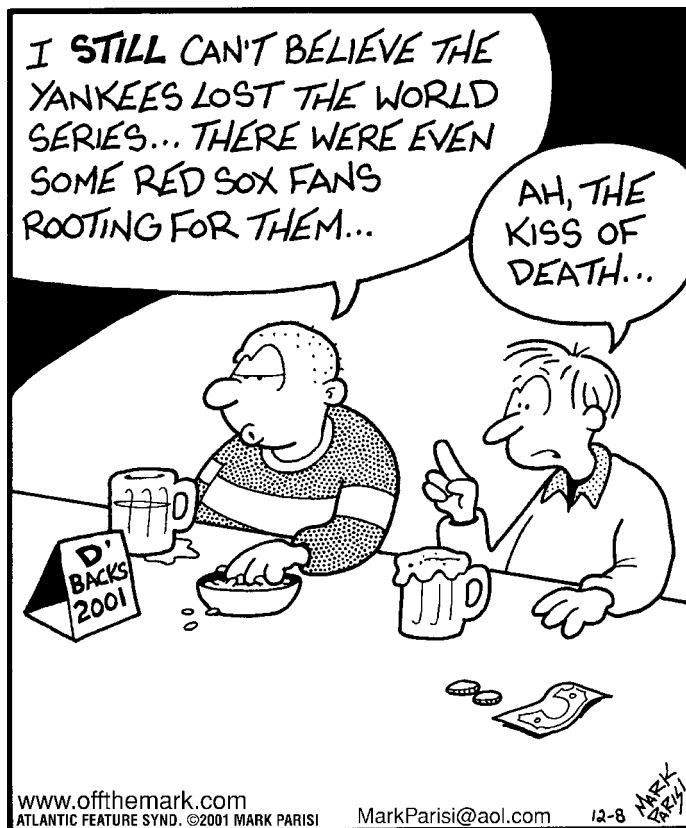
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Date	Day	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Dec. 6:	Thurs.	...	12:04	4:49	6:01
Dec. 7:	Fri.	12:41	1:03	5:57	7:23
Dec. 8:	Sat.	1:41	2:04	7:28	8:34
Dec. 9:	Sun.	2:42	3:06	9:02	9:24
Dec. 10:	Mon.	3:43	4:08	10:07	10:06
Dec. 11:	Tues.	4:42	5:06	10:59	10:46
Dec. 12:	Wed.	5:36	5:59	11:46	11:25
Dec. 13:	Thurs.	6:26	6:47	...	12:29
Dec. 14:	Fri.	7:13	7:34	12:11	1:11
Dec. 15:	Sat.	7:59	8:19	12:46	1:50
Dec. 16:	Sun.	8:44	9:04	1:29	2:29
Dec. 17:	Mon.	9:29	9:50	2:11	3:07
Dec. 18:	Tues.	10:14	10:36	2:55	3:45
Dec. 19:	Wed.	10:59	11:22	3:38	4:25
Dec. 20:	Thurs.	11:44	...	4:25	5:08
Dec. 21:	Fri.	12:09	12:28	5:16	5:58
Dec. 22:	Sat.	12:55	1:13	6:19	6:55
Dec. 23:	Sun.	1:42	2:02	7:39	7:54
Phases of the Moon		Last Quarter		December 7th	
		New Moon		December 14th	
		First Quarter		December 22nd	
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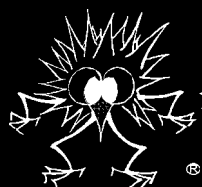
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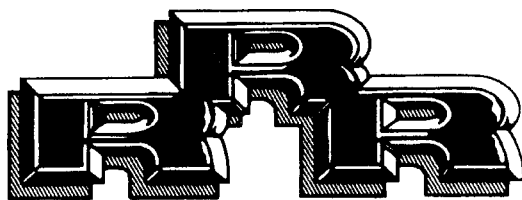
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